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Shirahatti BJP MLA arrested for accepting ₹5 lakh bribe

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Shirahatti BJP MLA Dr. Chandru Lamani and two of his personal assistants were trapped by the Lokayukta Police while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹5 lakh from a contractor in Laxmeshwar Town of Gadag district on Saturday.

The MLA allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹11 lakh for clearing a minor irrigation project. Class 1 contractor Vijay Pujar, from Chinchali village in Gadag taluk, complained to the Lokayukta Police.

On Saturday, around 2.15 p.m., Dr. Lamani and his personal assistants, Manjunath Valmiki and Guru Naik, were trapped by the Lokayukta Police while accepting a bribe at Balaji Hospital run by him in Laxmeshwar town. He and his aides have been arrested.

When the Lokayukta Police conducted the raid, Dr. Lamani's personal assistant, Guru Naik, reportedly threw away a cover containing ₹50,000 into the compound of a nearby private school.

Along with the cover containing cash, the Lokayukta Police recovered ₹4.50 lakh in cash from the hospital.

The Gadag Lokayukta Police have filed a case under Section 7(a) read with the PC Act 1988.

It may be recalled here that back in 2009, BJP MLA Y. Sampangi had been arrested by Lokayukta police for accepting bribe from a businessman to close a police case relating to a land dispute.

The arrest of MLA Dr. Chandru Lamani after being trapped by the Lokayukta Police led to snap protest by his supporters.

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India 'studying' U.S. tariff moves: Commerce Ministry

After U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's reciprocal tariffs, trade analysts call for India to re-examine interim deal; 150-day 15% baseline tariff on all imports to U.S. to kick in immediately

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

While the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down the reciprocal tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump on various countries, including India, several other tariffs remain that continue to hurt various sectors, trade analysts and export data show.

In a February 20 ruling, the court held that Mr. Trump's use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose tariffs on other countries exceeded his authority as President, and so struck down the duties. However, Mr. Trump soon announced that the U.S. would impose a temporary 150-day 10% baseline tariff on all imports from February 24 under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974. This Section of the Act empowers the President to "address certain fundamental international payment problems through surcharges and other special import restrictions", according to a White House factsheet.

In a Truth Social post on Saturday, Mr. Trump said he would be hiking the 10% tariff to the "fully allowed, and legally tested, 15% level", effective immediately.

In a statement on Saturday, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said it had "noted" the U.S. Supreme Court's judgment, but did not clarify what would happen to India's interim agreement with Washington. "We have noted the U.S. Supreme Court judgement on tariffs yesterday," it said. "We are studying all these developments for their implications."

Trade analysts said the ruling would prompt countries that have trade deals with the U.S. to re-examine them, and called for India to do the same regarding its interim trade pact that is yet to be signed.

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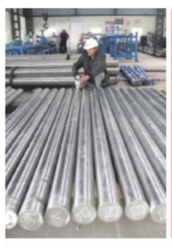
Cost of trade

While the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's reciprocal tariffs under the IEEPA, import duties remain under other laws

- New **15% tariff** on all goods imports to the U.S. for 150 days under Section 122 of the **Trade Act of 1974**
- A **50% tariff** on imports of steel and aluminium under Section 232 of the **U.S. Trade Expansion Act of 1962**



Aluminium and steel form the fourth-largest group of exports for India to the U.S., making up nearly 66% of total exports in December 2025

Put U.S. deal on hold, renegotiate it, says Congress

NEW DELHI
Following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, the Congress on Saturday asked the Narendra Modi government to put the India-U.S. interim trade agreement on hold and renegotiate terms. » PAGE 11

Finally left out

Combined number of voters in nine States and U.T.s fell from **21,45,62,215** to **19,75,33,701** after the SIR, with net deletions of **1,70,28,514** or **7.93%**

Share of deleted voters:

- Andaman and Nicobar: **16.87%**
- Gujarat: **13.40%**
- Chhattisgarh: **11.77%**
- Goa: **10.76%**
- Puducherry: **7.5%**
- Madhya Pradesh: **5.96%**
- Rajasthan: **5.74%**
- Kerala: **3.22%**
- Lakshadweep: **0.36%**

8% of voters removed from poll rolls after SIR in 9 States, U.T.s

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Nearly 8% of voters have been removed across nine States and Union Territories in the final electoral rolls published after the second phase of the special intensive revision exercise.

While the final lists of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, and Goa were published on Saturday, that of Gujarat had been released on February 17 and Puducherry and Lakshadweep on February 14.

The combined number of voters in the States and U.T.s stood at 21,45,62,215 as on October 27 when the second phase of SIR was announced. After the revision, the voter strength came down to 19,75,33,701 with net deletions of 1,70,28,514 or 7.93%.

Final lists of Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu are yet to be published.

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Tax dues: GBA begins auction of properties

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) on Saturday initiated the auction of properties belonging to long-standing property tax defaulters after exhausting all recovery measures and providing multiple opportunities for payment. Nearly 7,000 properties across the city together owe about ₹437 crore in unpaid property tax.

Even after more than 60 days from the date of attachment, several property owners did not clear their arrears, forcing the authorities to proceed with the auctions, civic officials said.

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NEARBY

I am 'targeted', won't be a 'coward': CM

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's social media post, in which he claimed that he was being "targeted" for reasons of his caste and social background, has stirred a hornet's nest, coming amid the ongoing leadership tussle between him and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar. » PAGE 8

Set prison in order, HC tells jail official

BENGALURU
The High Court on Saturday directed the Deputy Inspector-General of Prisons to set right the functioning of the prison in order after noticing that an accused was not produced, even through video conferencing, before the jurisdictional magistrate for the past four years, who was languishing in prison despite grant of bail. » PAGE 9

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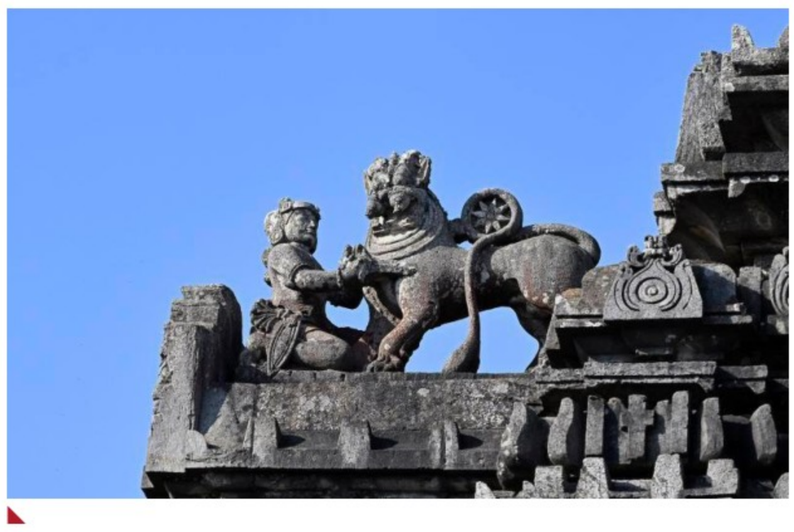
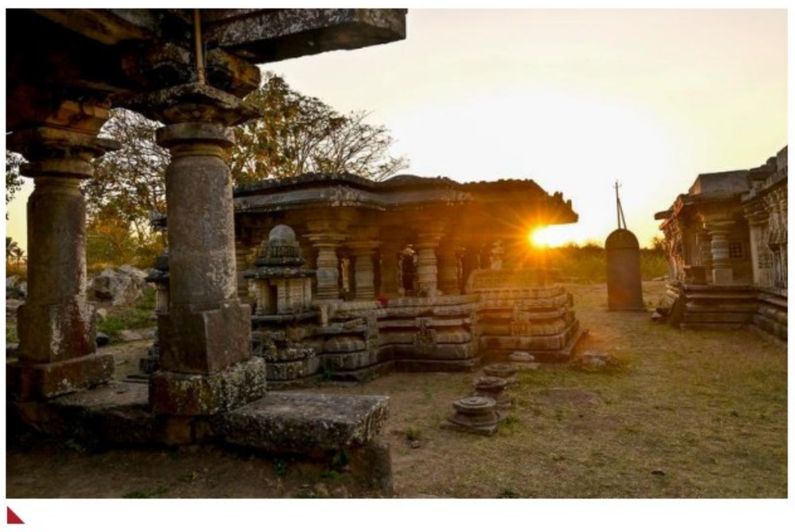


Dynastic mark: The Hoysala *lanchana*, depicting the legendary founder Sala slaying a tiger, is carved atop the Lakshmidevi temple.

Pointed base: The 13th-century Chennakeshava temple, built under King Vira Someshwara, stands on a striking 16-pointed star-shaped raised platform (*jagati*).



Fading grandeur: The sun's rays thread through the temples of Koravangala, Nageshwara and Govindeshwara, in the Hoysala-era village where three brothers built three shrines.

Ritual descent: The 12th-century Hulikere Kalyani is among the finest examples of Hoysala water architecture. Built below ground level with steps descending on all four sides, it includes 12 shrines with *shikharas* and 14 without, symbolically linked to the zodiac and the 27 *nakshatras*.

Unearthing the silent splendour of Hoysalas

In the rural parts of Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru in Karnataka, overlooked Hoysala-era temples and *basadis* reveal a thriving medieval kingdom's devotion and sculptural mastery; through star-shaped platforms, serene shrines, finely sculpted pillars and quiet stepwells, the Hoysala imagination continues to whisper through stone

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Across the quiet farmlands of Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru stand some of Karnataka's most remarkable yet overlooked Hoysala-era monuments – temples and *basadis* (shrines) that once formed the spiritual fabric of a thriving medieval kingdom. Built between the 11th and 13th centuries, these shrines reveal the dynasty's signature blend of devotion and sculptural mastery, extending far beyond the celebrated sites of Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura.

Carved from the soft, malleable soapstone favoured by Hoysala artisans, the structures rest on star-shaped platforms and feature sanctums arranged in *ekakuta*, *dvikuta* and *trikuta* formations. Their walls unfold like stone tapestries: celestial dancers, finely turned pillars and friezes dense with epic narratives.

Once a vibrant Hoysala outpost, Koravangala is home to three temples built by three brothers. The Nageshwara and Govindeshwara temples (1160 CE) showcase an early phase of Hoysala workmanship. A decade later came the village's architectural peak – the Bucheshwara temple (1173 CE), raised by Buchi in honour of Veera Ballala II. Today, Bucheshwara stands restored, while the older shrines linger in graceful decay.

Long before it lent its name to fast bowler Javagal Srinath, the village was a key commercial centre under King Vira Someshwara. Its jewel is the Lakshminarasimha temple (1250 CE), a striking *trikuta* shrine known for its elegant elephant sculptures and a later Vijayanagara-era gateway.

The Lakshmidevi temple at Doddagaddavalli (1114 CE) is among the earliest surviving Hoysala structures. Its stark lines set it apart from later ornate creations, while its rare Mahakali shrine, guarded by skeletal *betalas* (guardian deity), hints at ancient tantric traditions. Built by merchant woman Sahaja Devi, the temple's four-shrine plan – dedicated to Lakshmidevi, Shiva, Vishnu and Kali – captures a moment of early Hoysala ambition.

The 12th-century Hulikere Kalyani near Halebidum, with its stepwell, showcases the dynasty's imagination in water architecture. Commissioned around 1160 CE by Lattayya, an official of Narasimha I, it is also steeped in local lore as the private bathing pond of Queen Shantala Devi.

A short walk from the exuberant Hoysaleshwara temple lies the Jain Basadi complex. The Parshvanatha (1133 CE), Shantinatha (1192 CE) and Adinatha Basadis reflect Jain principles of restraint and clarity.

Together, these sites reveal an intricate world beyond the kingdom's famous temples, one in which the Hoysala imagination continues to whisper through stone.

Tantric trace: Built in 1114 CE, the Lakshmidevi temple stands in stark contrast to the dynasty's later creations, with its highly ornate architecture. Its stone-cut towers frame a rare Mahakali shrine guarded by skeletal *betalas*, figures associated with early tantric traditions.

Concern over disposal of dry leaves, instances of burning in open places

BSWML says that in the coming weeks, leaves will be collected and processed into compost for trees and plants

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

With summer setting in and trees beginning to shed heavily, dry leaves are piling up across several neighbourhoods, raising concerns about their disposal and instances of burning in open places.

Residents said that over the past few days, leaves have either been swept into heaps and left along roadsides or set on fire, often late at night. In parks too, leaves were reportedly being stacked within the premises or dumped outside, raising fears of accidental fires, local residents pointed out.

Mahesh Muniraju of the Banasawadi Welfare Society said residents were worried about safety, especially as children visit these parks. He noted that no one was certain when or who was lighting the fires, but with dense tree cover in many parks, even a small flame could escalate quickly.

The months of February and March typically see peak leaf shedding, residents pointed out, arguing that civic authorities should anticipate the seasonal surge. Maria George of Varthur Rising said they have urged the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to deploy dedicated vehicles for leaf collection, similar to the segregation system in place for wet and dry waste. She questioned the purpose of routine road sweeping if the collected leaves are not being cleared promptly.

A worker using a blower to gather dry leaves at Lalbagh in Bengaluru on Saturday, as part of daily garden upkeep during the dry season. K. MURALI KUMAR

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> Banasawadi Welfare Society

She added that in some instances, the burning is not limited to leaves but includes other waste such as medical discards, tobacco packets, plastic straws and paper cups. Complaints have been submitted repeatedly to the corporation, she said, but the issue persists.

However, the situation appears to have improved in certain areas. Residents of Halasuru and Kammanahalli said incidents of leaf-burning have reduced in recent weeks. A resident of HRBR Layout said that earlier, till last year, burning was frequent, but this time, so far, more regular collection by pourakarmikas has helped.

Sanitation workers, meanwhile, suggest that the pressure sometimes comes from residents themselves. A pourakarmika in Gandhinagar said that people offer small sums of money and insist that the leaves be burnt early in the morning, claiming that they would otherwise remain uncleared. Workers, she said, tell them that it would be collected, but they were still pressured to dispose them of and burn them.

Officials from the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML), on the other hand, said that while leaf shedding has begun, volumes are not yet achieved the peak.

"Currently, collected leaves are being transported to mini transfer stations in Hebbal. In the coming weeks, particularly in areas around parks, leaves will be collected to be processed into compost for maintaining trees and plants," a BSWML official told *The Hindu*.

The official, however, acknowledged that ensuring uniform coverage across all localities remains a challenge, and isolated instances of burning may continue despite efforts to prevent them.

Set up panel to oversee removal of encroachments on Sarakki Lake buffer zone: HC to CS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of the Sarakki Lake at J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru.

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State Chief Secretary to set up a committee within three weeks to oversee and ensure that the relevant statutory authorities initiate necessary action as per law to identify and clear constructions encroaching upon the buffer zone of Sarakki Lake in J.P. Nagar, and take necessary steps to preserve and protect the waterbody.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha issued the directions on February 20 while disposing of a PIL petition filed in 2023 by the Sarakki Lake Area Improvement Trust, Bengaluru.

The petitioner had sought a direction to restore the lake area, including its buffer zone, the raja kaluve, the main road on top of the bund to their original status as per revenue records and Revised Master Plan (RMP) by clearing all illegal constructions.

The authorities had taken steps for restoring the lake and a large part of the lake boundary was fenced as per the directions issued by the court in 2014, based on the earlier petition filed in 2013 by the petitioner. But the task remained incomplete for various reasons.

The Bench said that the committee should comprise a representative of the Greater Bengaluru Authority, the Deputy Commissioner (Bengaluru Urban district), a representative of the Tank Development Authority and other stakeholders.

The committee, through its nodal officer, should send a report to the court within three months, giving details of the action taken for clearances of the unauthorised constructions as well as other actions/measures taken by to implement the directions issued based on both the petitions, the Bench said.

Rights reserved

Meanwhile, the Bench made it clear that the rights and contentions of all persons, who have put up constructions allegedly encroaching upon the buffer zone, are reserved and all those persons should be notified as per the law for the purpose of clearing the encroachments, as they have right to remedy available under the law against their eviction.

It was specifically alleged in the petition that Mahaveer Developers had put up an apartment complex in a portion of the buffer zone by producing a survey map.

On the court's directions, G. Jagadeesh, DC, Bengaluru Urban, and Ramesh K.N., Commissioner, Bengaluru South City Corporation, had filed affidavit confirming that the developer had occupied 1,679.38 sq. m. of the designated buffer zone.

Plan sanctioned

Though the developer had pointed out that the building was constructed as per the plan sanctioned by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike in 2019, the Commissioner had told the court that the sanctioned plan contained a condition that buffer zone of 30 metres from the boundary of the lake should be maintained.

However, the Bench noted that the developer was not party to the survey, which recorded the finding that the developer was occupying 1679.389 sq. m. of the buffer zone of the lake.

The Bench observed that even if the building was constructed as per the sanctioned plan, the construction could not be termed as legal when it had violated the 30-metre buffer zone demarcation under the provisions of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act.

Elderly roadside vendor arrested for sexually harassing minor girls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Anekal Police arrested a 65-year-old roadside vendor on Saturday following allegations of sexual harassment involving at least four minor girls in the town.

The accused has been identified as Krishnamurthy, a resident of Anekal. According to the police, he allegedly used his roadside stall to lure children under the pretext of offering chocolates and sweets.

The incident came to light after a class 2 student informed her parents on Friday that she had been inappropriately touched by the vendor. Acting on the complaint, the parents immediately approached the police. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) and took the accused into custody on Saturday.

During the preliminary investigation, Krishnamurthy was alleged to have similarly targeted three other minor girls in the early morning hours, particularly after their parents dropped them off near their school.

The police said the accused took the children to isolated places and allegedly molested them. The accused has been remanded in judicial custody.

Further investigation is under way.

BMRCL inks pact with Prestige Group for naming rights of Bellandur Metro Station

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) signed a definitive agreement with Prestige Beta Projects Private Ltd. (Prestige Group) on Saturday over naming rights for the Bellandur Metro Station on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) Corridor of Phase-2A.

Under the agreement, the station will be named Prestige Bellandur Metro Station for a period of 30 years from the commencement of commercial operations.

The agreement for naming rights and other entitlements is ₹80 crore, with an additional ₹10 crore payable if the company opts for an exclusive pedestrian skywalk connecting the station to their property, taking the total value of the partnership to ₹90 crore, said a release.

"This agreement is part of its broader strategy to enhance non-fare revenue streams and strengthen the financial sustainability of the metro network. As part of the arrangement, Prestige Group will undertake approved enhancement and finishing works within the station premises to upgrade passenger amenities and interior standards. The developer will also be responsible for upkeep of the station, in coordination with BMRCL and in compliance with prescribed safety and design norms," said the BMRCL release.

The station will remain a public asset under BMRCL's ownership and control at all times, it added.

The agreement provides for station naming rights, limited interior advertising rights of up to 1,000 sq. ft., and allocation of 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space within the station premises. The agreement also provides for the possibility of an exclusive pedestrian bridge linking the station to nearby developments, subject to regulatory approvals and payment of the additional ₹10 crore.

Devotion

Muslims offering prayers at Masjid-E-Khadria in Bengaluru. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Ramalinga Reddy opens Living Spaces 2026, The Hindu Group's annual realty expo

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hindu Group's annual realty exposition, Living Spaces-2026, was inaugurated by Minister for Transport and Muzrai Ramalinga Reddy here on Saturday.

After the official opening of the property exhibition, the Minister took a tour of the stalls where several property developers showcased over 200 real estate projects that are coming up in all zones (especially South and North) of Bengaluru. The Minister also had brief conversations with some of the industry players who are participating in the expo, brought by Vaishnavi Group and jointly powered by the Bangalore Development Authority and ORCHIDS The International School.

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy visiting stalls after inaugurating The Hindu Group's Living Spaces 2026, a two-day annual property exhibition, in Bengaluru on Saturday. (Right): Visitors on the inaugural day of the expo. K. MURALI KUMAR

Holistic connection

Living Spaces-2026 brought together leading real estate developers, investors, banks, financial institutions, turnkey builders, and construction material providers to offer prospective home buyers a holistic connection to all ecosystem players. The expo features a wide range of offerings, including apartments, plots, villas, farmland, and housing loan facilities from various banks, including IDBI.

According to Vaishnavi Group's Amit Bharadwaj, senior manager, sales, and Praveen Reddy, project head, the group has completed 40 projects already, including 18 home projects, with Vaishnavi AT-One Krishna Brindavan, a twin tower, with 359 luxury 3 and 4 BHK homes coming up on a 5-acre land in Banashankari 2nd stage.

In luxury space

Amberstone Properties has five new projects coming up, including three in South Bengaluru. "We are concentrating on the luxury space. We are collecting expressions of interest from potential home buyers for two projects codenamed Sleek, off Sarjapur Road, and Lake One in J.P. Nagar," said Shwetha H.G., GM, Marketing, at Amberstone Properties.

"We are currently in the middle of a transition from the premium market to the luxury segment. Our transition seems quite smooth for us as home buyers are increasingly looking at exclusive, more spacious and luxury living spaces today," said Aishwarya Naik, sales manager (South) at Amberstone Properties, responding to a query on new trends.

Rashid Khan, deputy sales manager of SBR Group, said more buyers were looking at large quality living spaces and therefore price points were also on the rise. The group currently has five ongoing projects, including SBR One Residence, coming at Hopefarm in Whitefield, whose first phase would have over 930 homes, while more newer projects were in the pipeline, said Jyotish Reddy, head, channels/sales at SBR Group.

Abbas Mirza, channel sales manager at DS Max, said, "After the pandemic, homes that were available in the ₹40 lakh to ₹50 lakh are now in the ₹80 lakh to ₹85 lakh range." DS Max has over 15 projects across all zones.

Spokespersons of another developer, Living Walls, said the realtor has a lot of focus on north of Bengaluru as the region has been witnessing quantum growth thanks to proximity to the airport, highways, ring road and industrial areas. The developer also has a clubhouse, In The Hills, coming up in Chikkamagaluru.

Home loans

Vavitha Vijayan, a senior official at IDBI Bank, said the bank reported a loan book size of ₹1.03 lakh crore as on December 31, 2025, a 12% year-on-year growth. Of this home, pan India, was ₹72,000 crore, Mumbai accounted for the major chunk of these loans followed by Bengaluru with a share of ₹13,000 core, Ms. Vijayan added, indicating a significant uptick in home sales in the city.

Sponsors

The gold sponsors for the event are Sapthagiri, Assetz, Repco Bank, Living Walls, Sudharshan Pipes, Elegant Builders, Abhee Ventures, A&A Realty (Mysore), Amberstone, Telecom Housing, Sowparnika, A to Z Properties, KNS Infra, IDBI Bank, Alliance Square (Mysore), Sentient, Rajeshwari Ashirwad, Mogg's, Nischitha, Habulus, among others. The beverage partner is Cothas Coffee, jewellery partner Prathibha Jewellery, and food partner, Empire Hotel. The expo concludes on Sunday.

Venue:
Chandra Sagara Convention Hall, 264/266, T. Mariyappa Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar (near Ashoka Pillar), Bengaluru- 560011.

Dates and time:
February 21 & 22, 2026 (Saturday and Sunday), Timing: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Epic in stone: A raging battle between Rama and Ravana is depicted across the walls of the Hoysaleswara temple, a 12th-century Shiva temple.

Sacred restraint: A short walk from the ornate Hoysaleswara temple stands the Jain complex of Halebidu. The Parshvanatha (1133 CE), Shantinatha (1192 CE) and Adinatha shrines embody Jain ideals of restraint and contemplative stillness.

Living legacy: Visitors gather at the Hoysaleswara temple, where intricate 12th-century carvings continue to draw crowds centuries after their creation.

Golden hour glory: Morning light washes over the Veera Narayana temple. Built around 1200 CE by King Veera Ballala II, the temple is renowned for its expansive *ranga-mandapa* and rows of uniquely carved elephants inside.

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In a pre-dawn crackdown aimed at preventing the illegal transport of narcotic substances into Bengaluru from neighbouring areas, the North Division police conducted a special inspection drive along Tumakuru Road on Saturday.

The operation was conducted between 4 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. The police inspected 253 government and private buses entering Bengaluru via Tumakuru Road from various districts and neighbouring States. The officials stated that such surprise inspections would continue at key entry points to the city as part of sustained efforts to combat drug trafficking, and to ensure public safety.

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What is HPV ? And why we need to protect ourselves and our children from it's complications ?

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According to the 2022 Global Cancer Observatory (WHO), cervical cancer is the eighth most diagnosed cancer globally and the ninth leading cause of cancer-related deaths. In India specifically, HPV-related cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women aged 15–44 years, after breast cancer.

So what is HPV virus?

Human papillomavirus, commonly referred to as HPV, is a common sexually transmitted virus that mainly affects the reproductive tract. More than 200 different types of HPV have been identified. Low-risk HPV types are the cause for anogenital warts, while high-risk types are responsible for a majority of cervical cancer cases, along with other cancers like that of vagina, vulva, anus. Studies show that nearly 80% of sexually active unvaccinated adults will get HPV at some point in their lives.

How do people get HPV related cancers & diseases?

HPV is a commonly transmitted infection that spreads through intimate contact. A person with HPV can transmit the infection to someone else even if they have no visible signs or symptoms. **While most HPV infections clear out on its own**, they can lead to cancer if they persist over time.

How can we protect ourselves and our children from HPV?

Certain HPV related cancers & diseases can be prevented with the help of vaccination, along with other preventive measures such as routine screening. The HPV vaccine helps prevent infections caused by certain strains of the HPV that are linked to cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers in women, as well as anal cancer and genital warts in both men and women. Research has shown that the HPV vaccination may be effective in reducing infections and the incidence of certain HPV-related precancers in young individuals since it has been made available. Studies show that HPV vaccination alone led to decline in cervical cancer cases in a group of adolescent girls, as compared to no vaccination and no screening.

What is the ideal age to get vaccinated?

Health bodies such as WHO, FOGSI, and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics recommend starting HPV vaccination at 9 years of age for both boys and girls. Research shows stronger immune response of vaccine when given at a younger age which is between 9 and 15 years as they can develop nearly twice the level of protective antibodies compared to those vaccinated later. The vaccine works more effectively when given before any exposure to the virus, which is why preteen vaccination is recommended.

For those who miss the recommended age window, consult your doctor to check your eligibility. Adolescents and adult women, including mothers of teens, are encouraged to consult their Pediatrician or Gynaecologists about HPV vaccination. While vaccination does not treat pre-existing infections, it still helps protect against certain high-risk HPV types and should be complemented with routine cervical screening.

HPV infection is common, but HPV-related cancers are largely preventable. Early vaccination, starting 9 years of age, combined with regular screening and awareness, can help reduce the burden of cervical cancer in India.

Whether you're a parent, an adolescent, or an adult woman, informed action can support better decision-making. Speak to your doctor about HPV vaccination.

For most people HPV clears on its own. But for those who don't clear the virus, it can cause certain cancers and diseases.

Disclaimer: This feature is not intended to be a substitute for medical advice. Consult your medical practitioner before acting upon the information.

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10L e-Khata certificates will be distributed on April 3: DKS

Process of converting B-Khata accounts to A-Khata has been initiated, says D.K. Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will distribute e-Khata certificates to 10 lakh property owners on April 3, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said during a review meeting of works under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits on Saturday.

Mr. Shivakumar said that the process of converting B-Khata accounts to A-Khata has also been initiated, with officials verifying documents submitted by applicants. So far, around 7,000 applications have been received, he said.

Referring to civic works, Mr. Shivakumar said there were no pending contractor bills related to road projects.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the GBA work progress review meeting.

"Road works worth ₹2,671 crore have been taken up in the last three months using government funds," he said, adding that 80% tenders have been called and a plan of action has been prepared. The Deputy Chief Minister also directed officials to complete the road works by the end of April and ensure they were finished before the monsoon.

Land acquisition

If 100 acres of land in hilly areas within a 40-km radius of Bengaluru is made available for waste disposal, the government is prepared to acquire it through mutual agreement, the Deputy Chief Minister said.

A decision has been taken in this regard and instructions have been issued to the Deputy Commissioner, he added.

He said landowners, farmers and traders may come forward to offer land for the purpose, and the government will provide compensation as agreed and develop a separate access road to the site.

Welfare measures

On welfare measures, he said certain welfare schemes had not been implemented for the past two to three years and that separate programmes would be organised in each corporation to distribute benefits within two months.

"Around 30,000 street vendors have applied for assistance. The government plans to provide pushcarts, identification cards and facilities for vending, and to clear encroachments on footpaths," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

KSPCA urges CM to announce 13th KSRP battalion for Raichur in 2026-27 Budget

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority (KSPCA) has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking the announcement and budgetary allocation for a new 13th battalion of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) in Raichur district in the 2026-27 State Budget. In his letter, Mohan Kumar Danappa, a member of the KSPCA, highlighted the strategic and administrative importance of Raichur district, which is located in the northeastern part of Karnataka, and shares borders with Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.. He pointed out that Raichur houses several establishments, including the Hutti Gold Mines, major thermal power stations at Shaktinagar and Yeramaras, an agricultural university, IIIT Raichur, and prominent industrial areas such as Kadechur-Badiyal.

The district has the highest number of cotton ginning industries and rice mills in the State. Additionally, airport development work is currently in progress. He noted that Raichur and neighbouring Yadgir district frequently host large public events, drawing lakhs of people. Regular visits by senior political leaders and dignitaries further necessitate enhanced security arrangements. Currently, the 6th KSRP Battalion stationed in Kalaburagi and the IRB unit at Munirabad are located approximately 180 km away from Raichur, requiring nearly four-and-a-half hours of travel time. Given these factors, Mr. Danappa emphasised the need for establishing a dedicated 13th KSRP Battalion in Raichur to ensure effective law and order management, VVIP security, district safety, and border security.

He mentioned that more than 30 Ministers, MLAs, and various organisations have submitted representations in this regard. The proposal has reportedly been forwarded thrice by the Home Department to the Finance Department for approval.

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Tax dues: GBA begins auction of properties

Starting with properties that had the highest arrears, Joint Commissioners conducted auctions on Saturday.

Two properties were sold to recover pending tax dues, under the North City Corporation and the East City Corporation.

During the proceedings, bids were received for two properties under Zone 2. One bid of ₹84.6 lakh was placed for a property in Allalasandra, while another bid of ₹60 lakh for a residential building in Yelahanka Old Town. The outstanding dues on these two properties were over ₹17 lakh and ₹1.53 lakh respectively, said officials.

However, only one of the two properties was successfully sold after the bidder submitted the required demand draft. The auction of the second property was cancelled as the bidder failed to furnish the demand draft amount. That property, along with other unsold properties for which no bidders came forward, has been taken into possession by the Corporation.

BJP MLA arrested for accepting ₹5 lakh bribe

However, the police intervened and dispersed the crowd. The protesters alleged that district incharge Minister H.K. Patil and a Lambani seer were behind the whole development.

Before contesting the Assembly election in 2023, Dr. Chandru Lamani was a taluk health officer at Shirahatti Taluk Hospital. A complaint was registered against him over alleged discrepancies in issue of Out Patient Department slips. Subsequently, he had resigned on August 31, 2021 and established Balaji Hospital in Laxmeshwar. However, for almost two years his resignation was not accepted by the government. After his candidature was announced by the BJP, the then Deputy Commissioner of Gadag Vaishali M.L. had written to the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare mentioning that his resignation was a ploy to escape from punishment of corruption charges and he had violated government cadre and recruitment rules by announcing his candidature. Subsequently, his resignation was approved just few days before the Assembly election and he contested on BJP ticket and won by a margin of 28,520 votes.

Son of close aide of former CM found dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 20-year-old son of a close aide of former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai died allegedly by suicide at his residence at Lottegollahalli in the Sanjaynagar police limits on Thursday.

The deceased has been identified as Hemanth, son of Chandru, who serves as a Personal Assistant (PA) to the former Chief Minister.

According to preliminary information, Hemanth had an argument with his mother over giving jewellery to his sister. Family sources said he was reportedly upset and questioned why his sister was given ornaments while he was not. Following the argument, he went into his room and locked the door.

He was called for dinner later in the evening, but he did not come out of his room. It is learnt that he was speaking to friends on his mobile phone until around 8 p.m. before he switched off the device. The family suspected something was amiss when he remained unresponsive. Around midnight, he was found dead in his room. Hemanth was pursuing BCom at a college in Malleswaram.

The police have registered a case.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

Elderly man loses ₹63.3L to cyber fraud

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 75-year-old man has lodged a complaint with the Central division cyber crime police after allegedly being cheated of ₹63.30 lakh by cyber fraudsters.

According to the complaint, the victim received a phone call and the caller claimed that action was being initiated against him through the 'Data Protection Board'.

The caller alleged that the complainant was named in 20 cases and told him to cooperate with an ongoing inquiry.

Subsequently, a person identifying himself as 'Sandeep' allegedly contacted the complainant via WhatsApp video call. He claimed to be a 'Mumbai Police officer', and threatened the complainant with legal action.

Later, another individual, introducing himself as 'George Mathew', contacted the victim and reportedly told him to transfer money to certain bank accounts for the purpose of 'verification' and 'investigation', with the assurance that the entire amount would be refunded after the inquiry was completed.

Believing the claims to be genuine, the complainant transferred a total of ₹63,30,000 between February 7 and 16.

After the transactions were completed, the accused allegedly became unreachable by phone, which led the victim to realise that he had been cheated. The police have launched a probe.

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My clientintend to purchase property bearing municipal katha No. 1009-25, E-PID No. 7865802971, situated at 26th Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 82 Feet totally measuring 3280 Square feet in BBMP limits, along with a building measuring 3100 Square feet, more fully described in the schedule herein below from "Mr. K.Padmanabha, Mrs. K Saroja, Mrs.Pramodhini S Yadav, Mr. Prurushotham Sreenivas Yadav, Smt. Bhanumathi K, Mr. K.Naresh, Mrs. Sukanya, Mrs.K.Sudha, Sri. Prasanna Kumar G V and Smt. Sumithra G V all are residing at No. 1009, 26th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560041 who claims to be the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and apart from them, no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **15 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my clients will proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property bearing municipal katha No. 1009-25, E-PID No. 7865802971, situated at 26th Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 82 Feet totally measuring 3280 Square feet in BBMP limits, along with a building measuring 3100 Square feet and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : C A Site
North by : Site No.1008
South by : Site No.1010

S.K. MITHUN Advocate,
No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarpura,
BANGALORE- 560 004
Ph-9845366658

E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT FOR LEASING OF SLRS

E-Auction for the contract of leasing of SLRs for 3 years in trains originating from Lumding Division. **Description:** Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment). **Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots) : 11:00** hrs. on **09-03-2026**; **Auction Close Date & Time : 18:00** hrs. on **09-03-2026**. **Rate Unit:** Per Trip Licensing Fee .

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Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Trips/Days
AA/1	15634-SLR-F1-GHY-BKN-25-3 (Parcel-SLR)	156
AA/2	15077-SLR-F1-KYQ-GTNR-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	157
AA/3	15602-SLR-F2-GHY-DBB-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/4	15669-SLR-F2-GHY-DBRG-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/5	15602-SLR-F1-GHY-DBB-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/6	22512-SLR-F1-KYQ-LTT-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	156
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AA/11	15815-SLR-F1-GHY-DKGN-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/12	15669-SLR-R1-GHY-DBRG-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/13	15602-SLR-R1-GHY-DBB-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/14	15624-SLR-F1-KYQ-BGKT-26-1 (Parcel-SLR)	156
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AA/21	15754-SLR-F2-GHY-APDJ-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/22	15665-SLR-F2-GHY-MXN-25-4 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/23	15665-SLR-R1-GHY-MXN-25-4 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
AA/24	15669-SLR-F1-GHY-DBRG-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	1096
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his notice is issued on behalf of My client **Sri.Nagaraj.V S/o Venkataswamy** to bring the notice of the general public that following Original registered deeds are Lost/misplaced as **1.** Absolute sale deed doc.No.KNK-1-03717/2004-05, **2.** Absolute Sale deed doc.No.KNK-1-08117/2014-15, **3.** Absolute Sale deed doc.No.KNK-1-03102/2017-18, **4.** Gift Deed Doc.No.KNK-1-06442/2017-18 & **5.** Gift Deed Doc.No.KNK-1-13221/2019-20, all are registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Kanakapura, are missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **No.7,** PID No.2010759089, old Katha No.4019/36248/7, formed in the converted land bearing Sy.No.13, situated at **Harohalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District,** measuring East to West 12.192 Mtrs (40 feet) and North to South 9.144 Mtrs (30 feet) and bounded as :-

East by : Site Nos.11 & 12, West by : Road, North by : Site No.06, South by : Site No.08.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Writ Petition No. 1005/2026 (GM-RES) is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru. The Hon'ble Court, by its Order dated 04.02.2026, has been pleased to direct the parties to maintain STATUS QUO in respect of the Schedule Property described herein below, until further orders.

In view of the above interim order, all persons, financial institutions, builders, developers, purchasers, or any other intending parties are hereby strictly cautioned not to enter into any sale, agreement of sale, transfer, mortgage, lease, charge, lien, encumbrance or create any third-party rights or interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property until disposal of the said Writ Petition or further orders of the Hon'ble Court.

Any person dealing with the Schedule Property in contravention of the above Court Order shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 103, situated at 13th Main Road, Hosur Sarjapur Layout (HSR Layout), Sector V, Agara, Bangalore, coming under Ward No. 66, Madiwala, Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, having Old PID No. 66-255-103, measuring: East to West: 24.52 meters; North to South: 15.23 meters, Totally measuring: 373.43 Square Meters (4020 Sq.ft.), Together with the residential building thereon measuring approximately 3800 Sq.ft., and bounded by: **East:** Site No. 18, **West:** 40 Feet Road, **North:** Site No. 102, **South:** Site No. 104.

Sd/- Raghavendra.R
9845330081
Place: Bengaluru Date: 22.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client Mr.Nare Viklesh S/o Mr.Madhava Rao has lost the Original Rectification Deed dated 22-11-2014 bearing Document No.KRI-1-06158-2014-15 registered at the Sub registered office of K.R.Puram Bangalore in this regard a Police complaint lost report No.2067682/2026 was lodged before the Bangalore City Police on 17-02-2026. If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above said stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client is intent to purchase the property bearing **Site No.156/A**, e-PID No.2268123352, issued by the Bangalore West City Palike Ward No. 73 - Kottigepalya, a Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.No.111 of Nagarabhavi, situated at **10th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore**, measuring **East to West: 23.10 Meter, North to South: 12.10 Meter**, total measuring **279.51 Square Meter**, the descriptions of the property hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"** from one **Smt. Meenakshi and Smt. Usha. M,** both are daughters of Late. M Muthappa @ Muthuswamy.

This is inform to the Public that, if any person/s having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections /claims to the below mentioned address within 15 days along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with **Smt. Meenakshi and Smt. Usha. M** in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/ claims would come after 15 days from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE property bearing **Site No.156/A**, e-PID No.2268123352, issued by the Bangalore West City Palike Ward No. 73 – Kottigepalya, a Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.No.111 of Nagarabhavi, situated at **10th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore**, measuring **East to West: 23.10 Meter, North to South: 12.10 Meter**, total measuring **279.51 Square Meter** and bounded on the: **East by: Site No. 158 & 159, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 156 and South by: Site No. 157.**

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as Girish Kumar N R S/o T M Narayanappa Residing At Thirumalakoppa, Vokkaleri, Kolar, Karnataka- 563130, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Girsh Kumar N R

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Dr. R. Kishore Kumar,
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450-bed hi-tech hospital to come up on RGUHS campus in Ramanagara

Officials have been instructed to prepare a Detailed Project Report for construction of a high-tech hospital during the second phase of work at the new RGUHS campus, says Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to establish a 450-bed hi-tech hospital for clinical practice on the newly constructed Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) campus in Ramanagara at a cost of about ₹150 crore, as per the original plan.

"Officials have been instructed to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of the 450-bed hi-tech hospital during the second phase of work on the new RGUHS campus," Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil told *The Hindu*.

Construction of the new RGUHS campus near Archakara Halli at Ramanagara is in full swing at a cost of about ₹600 crore.

According to the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Act-1994 (as amended by Act 20 of 2007), it was proposed to construct the campus along with medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing colleges and a health complex with a 250-bed super-specialty hospital and 750-bed hi-tech hospital, and other allied buildings.

The construction of the new Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences campus near Archakara Halli at Ramanagara is in full swing at a cost of about ₹600 crore.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka government has decided to start a new medical college in Ramanagara. It has submitted a request for the same to the National Medical Commission (NMC).

MP objects

However, C.N. Manjunath, MP for Bengaluru Rural, has raised some objections and has sought clarifications from the Vice-Chancellor of RGUHS.

"It is learnt that, at present, only the administrative block and medical college buildings are under construction at an approximate cost of ₹600 crore, fully funded by the university. While this is a welcome step, it is difficult to understand why construction of a hospital within the campus has not been included in the scope of the proposed work. The establishment of a fully functional 650-bed hospital is, however, an indispensable requirement for any medical college, both from an academic and public healthcare perspective, as well as for convenience and for National Medical Commission (NMC) recognition," Mr. Manjunath wrote to the V-C.

Further, he wrote, Ramanagara, being a district headquarters, urgently requires a 650-bed hospital attached to the medical college.

This would not only fulfil the requirements of the Medical Council of India/ National Medical Commission for clinical training, but also significantly strengthen secondary and tertiary healthcare services for the people of the district and the surrounding rural areas. The existing district hospital at Ramanagara has a capacity of 250 beds and is located approximately three km away from the medical college campus, he stated.

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Original project

The Medical Education Department has now decided to construct a hi-tech hospital on the RGUHS campus as per the original plan. "The original project had a proposal for a hi-tech hospital. However, there was no plan to construct a hospital during the first phase of work. Other work, including the administration block and college building, is under way. The construction of a hi-tech hospital has been considered during the second phase of work. After authorities submit the DPR, the project will be implemented after discussing with the government," Dr. Patil said.

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, and Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar at the Karnataka Higher Education Council in Bengaluru on Saturday.

"The number of permanent faculty in the best universities in the world is low. Visiting professors are improving the educational environment there. Why is that not possible here?" Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked at a review meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of all public universities in the State, chaired by the Governor of Karnataka. Speaking at the meeting held at Karnataka Higher Education Council on Saturday, he, however, promised that steps would be taken to fill 2,000 posts in degree and technical education colleges. "We will allow filling up of vacant posts in universities this year," he added.

'Caste dens'

Mr. Siddaramaiah went on to say that universities are becoming "caste dens" and efforts should be made to bring youth out of this trap. He called upon the V-Cs of the Public Universities to ensure this. "Universities should introduce students to the developments taking place in the world. A platform should be prepared to make students global citizens. Scientific and rationality should be cultivated beyond caste, creed and religion," he said. "Karnataka is at the forefront of higher education in the country. Not just education, but also providing employment opportunities to students is the government's priority. Therefore, a scheme to adopt about 100 engineering colleges in collaboration with industries is under way. Under the Naipunya Karnataka scheme, industry-based skill training is being provided to 1 lakh students annually," he said.

He added that V-Cs should ensure that the university curriculum is in line with global standards.

Speaking about the resources of universities, he said, "Universities should not rely solely on government funds but should mobilise resources through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and alumni networks."

Speaking earlier, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot appealed to the Chief Minister to present the forthcoming State Budget in a manner that is more beneficial to the Higher Education sector. The Governor emphasised that universities, having limited internal revenue sources, require special financial care and structured budgetary support. He particularly stressed the need to permit filling long-pending vacancies in institutions such as Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Kannada University, Karnataka Janapada University, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University. Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar said that along with the financial assistance from the government, universities should strictly follow financial discipline, transparency and accountability.

He opined that there is a need to give a new impetus to research activities.

Application deadline for CET extended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has again extended the last date to submit applications for the Common Entrance Test (CET), to February 27. There will be no further extension after this deadline, KEA Administrative Officer Islavuddin Gadyal said. So far, 3.18 lakh candidates have paid the fee and submitted their applications. Many others had requested an extension beyond the earlier deadline of February 22. The last date to pay the application fee is March 3. Document verification for 2.18 lakh candidates has been completed online through SATS. Documents of 1.08 lakh candidates have been verified at the college level, he said.

Professor assaulted by student during exam in Kalaburagi

A screen grab from the viral video showing the student assaulting the faculty member during an examination at Dr. Maalakaraddy Homoeopathic Medical College in Kalaburagi on Wednesday.

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

A faculty member was assaulted allegedly by a student during an internal assessment examination at Dr. Maalakaraddy Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital in Kalaburagi city on Wednesday. Video footage of the incident has gone viral on social media. The incident took place within the college building during the final-year internal assessment examination for the subject 'Homoeopathic Materia Medica'. According to college authorities, a student, Shahbaz, was found allegedly using a mobile phone inside the examination hall, in violation of institutional rules. When assistant professor Shivaraj Kumar Nashi confronted him, the student reportedly became agitated and punched the professor on his face thrice. He left the examination hall following intervention by other staff members.

Satish Kalshetty, principal, told *The Hindu* that the matter has been referred to the disciplinary committee. The incident has been formally reported to the college administration. "We will convene a meeting and decide on the course of action against the student. As of now, he will not be permitted to write the examinations," he said.

Man bludgeons wife to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman was murdered allegedly by her husband following a domestic dispute and suspicion of an extra-marital relationship, at Kulle Gowdanapalya in the Kaggalipura Police Station jurisdiction on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Sinchana, 21. On Friday, during an argument, the accused, Renukaiah, allegedly lifted a stone and attacked her before fleeing the scene. Sinchana died on the spot. A case of murder has been registered, and a probe launched to nab the fleeing accused.

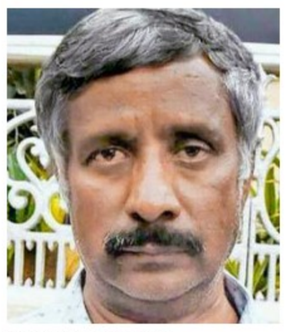
MUDA case complainant and RTI activist Snehamayi arrested, released on bail

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The cybercrime police arrested Mysuru-based RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna for allegedly creating fake documents and morphed audio clips to defame a senior KAS officer and former Commissioner of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) through social media. He was later released on station bail. According to the complaint lodged by G.B. Natesh, former Commissioner of the MUDA, Krishna allegedly used his Facebook account to circulate fabricated documents, edited photographs and manipulated audio clips targeting the complainant.

Based on his complaint, a case was registered on Wednesday, and an investigation was initiated. Krishna is a Mysuru-based anti-corruption activist who is the complainant in the MUDA case alleging irregularities in the allotment of sites to the wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

During the probe, the police found that the alleged acts stemmed from personal enmity between



Snehamayi Krishna

Natesh and Vinod B.N., a resident of Bogadi in Mysuru. Investigations revealed that due to differences in business dealings, Vinod allegedly contacted Krishna and shared unverified and misleading information with the intent to malign Natesh.

The police said that Krishna allegedly published and circulated the contents on social media platforms, without verifying the authenticity of the material, with the intention of defamation.

Preliminary findings indicate that the circulated content was false and misleading. A notice was issued to Vinod who appeared before the police for questioning. Upon examination and based on supplementary evidence collected, the police arrested him and produced him before the jurisdictional court.

Another complaint

The police said that another complaint has been registered at the Vidhana Soudha Police Station against Krishna for allegedly spreading false information. After nearly 20 hours of marathon questioning, the CCB officials released him on station bail. Krishna walked out and apologised about posting misleading information about Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh.

He further said that Natesh's payment of bribe to get promotions must be probed thoroughly. "The CCB officials questioned me about the fabricated seven-minute video content uploaded on social media. They checked the source and confirmed that I had not fabricated any evidence, but put it up on social media, received as is," he said.

The CCB officials summoned him again on Tuesday for another round of questioning.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, FEB. 22	
RISE 06:39	SET 18:27
RISE 09:53	SET 22:53
MONDAY, FEB. 23	
RISE 06:39	SET 18:27
RISE 10:40	SET 23:54
TUESDAY, FEB. 24	
RISE 06:38	SET 18:27
RISE 11:34	SET 00:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Mysuru	32	17
Bengaluru	31	20

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be cool.

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No:EE/TE & M Cell/BSCC/TEND /04/2025-26 Date:21-02-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell (BSCC) on behalf of the Commissioner (BSCC), invites online tenders from eligible and experienced private operators for Hiring, Operation and Maintenance of Self-Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines on Per-Kilometer Basis for sweeping of identified roads within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru South City Corporation.

Sl No.	Description
1	Hiring,Operation and Maintenance using latest Self Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines 4 Nos. with capacity not less than 5 cubic meter and with required Number of tipper trucks including manpower, fuel, maintenance and all consumables, for a sweeping length of 160 km of roads per day within Bengaluru South City Corporation limits on per-kilometer payment basis (Package -1) in Zone-1 of BSCC. Duration of Hiring, O&M-10 years, EMD Amount in **Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.42,00,000/-** by e-Bank Guarantee/ Bank Guarantee /FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank
2	Hiring, Operation and Maintenance using latest Self Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines 4 Nos. with holding of Capacity not less than 5 cubic meter and with required Number of tipper trucks including manpower, fuel, maintenance and all consumables, for a sweeping length of 160 km per day of roads within Bengaluru South City Corporation limits on per-kilometer payment basis (Package -2) in Zone-2 of BSCC. Duration of Hiring, O&M-10 years, EMD Amount in **Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.42,00,000/-** by e-Bank Guarantee/ Bank Guarantee /FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of Tender Document in KPPP Portal in **23-02-2026** (2) Date and Time of Pre Bid meeting will be held on **06.03-2026** at **3:00** pm (3) Last date & time for queries (Only Through Online) on **06-03-2026** at **4:00** pm. (4) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is **24-03-2026** at **4:00** pm. (5) Opening of Pre-Qualification Bid on **26-03-2026** at **4:30**pm. (6) Opening Technical bid on **01-04-2026** at **4:30** pm. (7) Opening Financial bid (if possible) on **04-04-2026** at **4:30**pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Zone-1&2)
Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, BCCC, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru – 560 002

No.: SE/BCCC/Z-2/TEND/04/2025-26 Date: 21.02.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER-CALL-3

(Only through KPP Portal) Two Cover System

The Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, BCCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors firm registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations for the **Collection of Parking Fees for Various roads in Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Zone-2** as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Collection of Parking Fees Dispensary Road (OPH Road) to Kamaraj Road & Ibrahim Sahib Street Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (Rs in Lakhs): 95.22, EMD (In Rs): 1,90,440/-.**
2	Collection of Parking Fees for Millers Road Junction, Planetarium Road, St. John's Church Road & St. John's Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (Rs in Lakhs): 113.23, EMD (In Rs): 2,00,000/-.**
3	Collection of Parking Fees for 2nd temple road in Dattatreya Temple Ward, Sampige Road, Railway Parallel Road & BVK Iyengar road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (Rs in Lakhs): 96.1, EMD (In Rs): 1,92,200/-.**
4	Collection of Parking Fees for Mavalli Tank Bund road, DVG Road in Sunkenahalli Ward, Shankarmatt Road & PMK Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (Rs in Lakhs): 109.38, EMD (In Rs): 2,00,000/-.**
5	Collection of Parking Fees for Vani Vilas Road, Vasavi Temple Street, Kanakapura Road, Diagonal Road, Patalamma Road & T Mariyappa Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (Rs in Lakhs): 122.34, EMD (In Rs): 2,00,000/-.**

Period of Tender: 3 Years + 2 years of extension.
Calendar of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from **23.02.2026. (2)** Queries may be uploaded in KPP Portal on or before: **03.03.2026** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **07.03.2026** and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, BCCC, Bengaluru on **09.03.2026** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from the above office during working hours or from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Come pepper harvest season, children of migrant workers miss school

Sathish G.T.
CHIKKAMAGALURU

"My teacher contacted me over the phone and scolded me for missing class. But what can I do? I cannot stay alone in my village when my parents are here," said a class 8 student from Ballari district. At present, the boy lives in a makeshift tent along the road connecting Chikkamagaluru and Adlur.

He is among the hundreds of children from central and north Karnataka districts who miss school for a couple of months as they accompany their parents, who move to the Malnad districts to work in coffee estates during the pepper harvest season.

Sibling care

Many families from Davangere, Haveri, and Ballari districts have been living in tents on either side of the road between Chikkamagaluru and Aldur. While the parents go to the estates to harvest black pepper during the day, their children stay in their temporary camp. These camps are filled with children aged two to 13 years. They spend the whole day taking care of their younger siblings. The majority of them have been enrolled in schools in their native villages. However, they miss classes when they accompany their parents to the Malnad districts.

"My mother prepared rice and sambar in the morning before leaving for work. We had the same for lunch. Our parents will come back by evening," said a class 6 student who currently lives in a tent in Chikkamagaluru.

From tandas

A majority of these migrant workers are from Lambani tandas. With meager land in their native villages, they move out looking for jobs that pay well. Some of them leave their children under the care of their aged parents in their native places.

Children at a temporary camp for migrant workers near Chikkamagaluru. Hundreds of people from central parts of Karnataka move to harvest pepper in coffee plantations in the Malnad region. SATHISH G.T.

Harvesting black pepper is a skill. They use ladders to climb up and harvest the pepper without damaging the plants. "The employers pay ₹12 per kg of pepper harvested. A couple can harvest about 150 kg a day, earning about ₹900 each," said Vishnu, a native of Davangere. They hardly earn ₹400 a day in their native places.

No provision for studies

The workers are hired through labour contractors – mestris – who act as intermediaries between the estate owners and the workers. They help with local arrangements for accommodation, temporary power supply, and drinking water. However, there are no provisions for the education of children.

Shashidhar Kosambe, Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, told *The Hindu* that there have been instances of such children being subjected to various forms of abuse. "They deserve proper care and education. Earlier, there were tent schools for the children of these workers," he added.

What law says

Mr. Kosambe stated that he would contact the officials concerned and instruct them to ensure the safety of children, and provide them education.

"As per the Right to Education Act, children of migrating workers are tagged to the nearest schools," he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah giving away appointment letter to a candidate at the 'Abhaya Hasta' programme organised by the Health Department in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

CM: Appointments, transfers being done through counselling to curb corruption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transfers are being done strictly through counselling in the Health Department to curb corruption in appointments and transfers, which is a key objective of the government, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking at the programme, Abhaya Hasta, organised by the Department of Health and Family Welfare to distribute appointment letters to newly-recruited candidates, he warned newly appointed candidates against approaching anyone for transfers and cautioned them about growing menace of transfer agents.

1,000 candidates

"All these recruitments are being done through counselling. The government's objective is to eliminate corruption," he said, underlining the government's stand on transparency in appointments. About 1,000 candidates received appointment letters and joined the department.

"Through counselling, we have carried out around 5,700 transfers, including doctors. Likewise, these new appointments have been made through counselling so that corruption does not take place in transfers and recruitments," the Chief Minister said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah warned, "Transfer agents demand money. No one should engage in such practices hereafter".

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said there is a proposal to appoint 700 students, who would receive a stipend of ₹8,000, which would be a first for the country. He said that within the next two months, 220 specialists will be appointed so that super-speciality services are available in government hospitals.

Recruitment board

Mr. Rao said that considering the vastness and scope of the Health Department, he had put forward a proposal before the Chief Minister to constitute a separate recruitment board for it.

As many as 1,400 MBBS doctors were currently working under compulsory rural service and and there is a proposal to make it mandatory to PG students too, said Mr. Rao.

I am 'targeted', but won't be a 'coward', says Siddaramaiah

'That is why, as long as I breathe, I will fight against this political conspiracy and against the politics of hatred and jealousy'

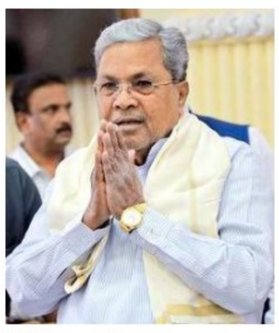
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's social media post, in which he claimed that he was being "targeted" for reasons of his caste and social background, has stirred a hornet's nest, coming amid the ongoing leadership tussle between him and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar.

Opposition leaders on Saturday demanded that Mr. Siddaramaiah spell out who exactly was "targeting" him, while Mr. Shivakumar, who has been strongly pitching to be elevated to the Chief Minister's post, refused to comment and said that he was unaware of what was said and in what context.

No bed of roses

The Chief Minister, in his post, had said, "My four decades of political life have never been a bed of roses. It has always been a path riddled with stones and thorns. Many big leaders have carried out numerous cunning conspiracies to politically finish me. With the blessings of the people, I have overcome all of them".



Siddaramaiah

> Many big leaders have carried out numerous cunning conspiracies to politically finish me. With the blessings of the people, I have overcome all of them

What he posted on X was excerpts from an article he wrote in a Kannada newspaper on Social Justice Day on Friday.

In the post, the Chief Minister alleged that efforts were on to undermine not just him, but also people who support his brand of politics.

"I know very well that this is not a conspiracy against me alone - it is a conspiracy against you, the people who believe in me. That is why, as long as I breathe, I will fight against this political conspiracy and against the politics of hatred and jealousy. This is a struggle for truth, justice, and righteousness. With your support, I will carry forward this fight. I will never be a coward who runs away from the battlefield," he further said in the post.

Shepherd's rise

Making a more pointed reference to his caste, Kuruba (OBC), he said, "The fact that a shepherd [Kuruba] has become the Chief Minister, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with economic experts and presented several Budgets, is the reason why the eyes of people from privileged classes have turned red. They believe that their path will be made smooth if they finish me off."

BJP leaders, including C.N. Ashwath Narayan and Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, questioned the timing of the outburst and asked the Chief Minister to spell out who he was really pointing at. Mr. Narayanaswamy said that if Dalit leaders like AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, made such a statement, it would be more amenable to reason than a leader like Mr. Siddaramaiah who has enjoyed power for two terms.

'All about power'

JD(S) leader and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that social justice was "just an excuse", while the real intent behind Mr. Siddaramaiah's statement was the "desperate attempt to cling to power".

Speaking in Shivamogga, former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, also a Kuruba, said, "The Chief Minister should specify whose path would be clear if he were finished politically. Why did he bring up caste in his statements? Who are those hatching conspiracies against him? If he does not answer these questions, he will be considered a coward."

'Happy about Kharge's assurance to Jarkiholi'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar today said he was "happy" about AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's assurance to Minister Satish Jarkiholi on resolving the leadership issue in Karnataka.

Mr. Jarkiholi has been in Delhi and has met Mr. Kharge along with former Minister K.N. Rajanna and others. He later said that Mr. Kharge had promised to find an early solution to the power transfer issue.

Cuban and Austrian delegations hold talks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Saturday held high-level discussions with delegations from Austria and Cuba on collaboration in AI, digitisation, skilling, innovation ecosystems and Digital Public Infra. Minister for Rural Development, IT &BT Priyank Kharge led the discussions held in Bengaluru.

The Austrian delegation described Bengaluru as one of the world's most important hubs for digitisation and AI, and highlighted the growing depth of economic engagement, with nearly 140 Austrian companies and subsidiaries operating in India. The Cuban delegation expressed strong interest in learning from Karnataka's ICT and emerging tech ecosystem, with a particular focus on skilling, capacity building and long-term institutional partnerships.

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:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

(Through E-procurement Two Cover System)

1) Name of work: 1. Construction of 6 class rooms in Karnataka Public School at Chandapur village in Chincholi Taluka District Kalaburagi under KPS (4202-01-201-1-06-133) Indent No. 24896, 2. Repairs to road from Malkood village to Laxmi temple in Chittapur Taluka District Kalaburagi Under 5054 Indent No. 24900, 2) Head of account: **5054 for the year 2025-26 4202-01-201-1-06-133,** 3) Amount put to tender: **Indent No. 24900 Rs. 67,11,922.51, Indent No. 24896 Rs. 89,11,178.81,** 4) Class of Contractor: Class- III and Above, 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents: **18-02-2026 to 06-03-2026 upto 4.00 pm**, 6) Tender Form Fee: As per KPPP Norms, 7) E.M.D. Fee: **Indent No. 24900 Rs. 1,34,500.00, Indent No. 24896 Rs. 1,78,500.00**, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents: **18-02-2026 to 06-03-2026 upto 4.00 pm,** 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: **07-03-2026 After 4.00 pm**, 10) Financial Bid opening Date: **09-03-2026 After 10.00 am**, 11) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur Kalaburagi, 12) Website Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **KFDF** ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿ ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣ ತೆರವು ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ಬೆತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಟಾವು ಮಾಡಿದ ನೆಡುತೋಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪುನ: ನೆಡುತೋಪು ಬೆಳೆಸಲು ನರ್ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಸಿ ಬೆಳೆಸಿ ಮುಂಗಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ) (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2 ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ) ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ರೂ: 253.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಅನುದಾನದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–02–2026 & 02–03–2026 ರಂದು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಚೇರಿ ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ರವರನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ (08419–261273) ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (dcfyellapur@gmail.com) ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/1137/25-26 Dt.21.02.2026

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Tel: 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax:080-22215602

No: DYES/AP/ES/282/2025-26 Date: 21.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E- Procurement Portal)

Subject: The Assistasnt Executive Engineer, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State YouthCentre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, **KARNATAKA INDIA** invites Tender to take up the various works at Vijayapura & Bangalore districts, Karnataka through,

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Construction of almel taluk stadium at vijayapura district	Rs 238.92 Lakhs	Rs 3,58,387	17.03.2026 Time 16:00 hrs	18.03.2026 Time 16.30 Hrs
2	Construction of first floor officers Quarters building at jayaprakash Narayan national youth training center, vidyanagar Bengaluru	Rs 29.65 Lakhs	Rs 59,309	07.03.2026 Time 16:00 hrs	09.03.2026 Time 11.30 Hrs
3	Relaying of new synthetic hockey turf at akkithimanahalli Stadium, Bengaluru	Rs 240.24 Lakhs	Rs 3,60,373	16.03.2026 Time 16:00 hrs	17.03.2026 Time 16.30 Hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/- Assistant Executive Engineer
Department of Youth Empowerment and sports
[Tender Inviting Authority]

DIPR/CP/5817/Shirdi Sai/2025-26

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal)

Providing Electrical infrastructure to the regularized IP sets by extending 11 KV lines, Erection of 25 KVA Star 1 (4 Star) rated Distribution Transformers and Extension of LT line on Partial Turnkey basis (Major Materials will be supplied by BESCOM) under item wise fixed price contract on Percentage Quoting Basis.

Tender No's for SC category	Tender No's for ST category	Tender No's for Category-I	Tender No's for Category-IIA	Tender No's for Others
BESCOM/2025-2026/EL/WORK_INDENT 1033, 1035	BESCOM/2025-2026/EL/WORK_INDENT 1029	BESCOM/2025-2026/EL/WORK_INDENT 1027	BESCOM/2025-2026/EL/WORK_INDENT 1032, 1036,1039	BESCOM/2025-2026/EL/WORK_INDENT 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1031, 1034, 1037, 1038, 957, 970, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 981

Time Schedule:(1) Availability of Bid documents : **23-02-2026 @ 17:00** Hrs onwards. **(2)** Last date for submission of Queries :**27-02-2026** before **17:00** Hrs. **(3)** Pre-Bid meeting: **02-03-2026 @ 11:00** Hrs. **(4)** Pre-Bid meeting Venue : Office of Chief Engineer(Ele), O&M Zone, BESCOM, Turuvanur Road, Opp RTO Office, Chitradurga. **(5)** Last date for bid submission : **12-03-2026 @ 17:00** Hrs. **(6)** Opening of Technical Bids : **16-03-2026 @ 11:00** Hrs.

The bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through the KPP portal from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ E-procurement Help Desk: Phone No: 9240214000 & 9240214001 E-mail: support@eprochelpdesk.com

Aspiring bidders needs to be registered on KPP portal. Bidders can take the assistance from the e-procurement during working hours.

For electricity related complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Ele).,
Chitradurga Zone, BESCOM

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General of Police, C.I.D, Special Units and Economic Offences, Carlton House, Palace Road, Bangalore – 560 001

No.02/STS-1/MDN/CCD/CID/2025-26 Dated: 21/02/2026

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

15 days Short term E-Tenders (Call-1) are invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and rules, 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for the supply/maintenance of below mentioned Softwares/Components for the use of C.I.D, Bangalore.

Sl. No.	Name of the Item/ Component	Qty	Approximate Cost in Rs.	Last date for bid submission
	15 days short term E-Tender			
1	DVR Data Extraction / Tool (License for 03 Years)	01 No.	₹ 35,00,000.00	04.03.2026 at 17-00 Hours
2	Crypto Currency Investigation Tool (License for 03 Years)	01 No.	₹ 34,00,000.00	
3	Forensic Workstations (License for 03 Years)	02 No's	₹ 52,00,000.00	

In order to participate in e-Procurement platform all the intended Tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal. A training program in e-Procurement is organized by e-Procurement cell. The Tenderers who participate in the e-Procurement Tender can take assistance with e-Procurement help desk at 080-46010000, 080-68948777. It is mandatory for Tenderers to register in e-Procurement platform. Please visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for more information or call Helpline 080-46010000, 080-68948777.

For Director General of Police
CID, Special Units and
Economic Offences, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/5804 /AKAR/2025-26

The police try to control the situation as Congress and BJP cadres clash outside an MLA's office. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Cong. and BJP cadre clash in Telangana; MLA in 'house arrest'

P. Sridhar
KAMAREDDY

High tension broke out in Kamareddy district of Telangana following a scuffle between the Congress and BJP cadre on Saturday.

An alleged attempt by a group of Congress functionaries to lay siege to the camp office of Kamareddy MLA K. Venkataramana Reddy of the BJP led to a ruckus, sources said.

The police reportedly kept Mr. Reddy under house arrest on Saturday morning and prevented him from taking part in a debate at Shishu mandir over Arora land issue.

This was after Mr. Reddy and Adviser to Telangana government Mohammed Ali Shabbir made allegations and counter-allegations over the land encroachment issue. Accepting the challenge for a debate, the MLA asked the Congress leaders to come with evidence. Even as Reddy was gearing up to proceed to Sishu mandir, the police came to his house and kept him under house arrest.

Chaos prevailed right outside the MLA's camp office when the Congress cadre gathered at the entrance and raised slogans against Mr. Reddy.

In the melee, irate BJP workers allegedly attacked the car of a local Congress leader with boulders before flipping the vehicle upside down.

The police dispersed the BJP and Congress workers as the situation turned tense. Sources said that permission was not granted for the open debate.

A large number of police personnel were deployed at the MLA's camp office and in the town to prevent untoward incidents.

State BJP chief N. Ramchander Rao called the incident an "assault on democratic values".

"Indulging in such violent acts to cover up the political failures of Congress leaders is extremely deplorable," Mr. Rao said, and asserted that it was the responsibility of the government to ensure law and order.

Set prison in order: HC on 4 years of delay in producing undertrial before Magistrate

Karnataka High Court has directed K.C. Divyashree, DIG-Prisons, to identify all similarly placed accused who were not produced before the jurisdictional magistrate in the last six months

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Saturday directed the Deputy Inspector-General of Prisons to set right the functioning of the prison in order after noticing that an accused was not produced, even through video conferencing, before the jurisdictional magistrate for the past four years, who was languishing in prison despite grant of bail as he was unable to give surety as per bail condition.

The court found that the jurisdictional magistrate had issued non-bailable warrants (NBW) against the accused due to his non-production. And strangely, a head constable attached to the HAL police station had sent a report to the Magistrate stating that NBW could not be executed as the accused was not traceable even though he was languishing in jail for the last four years. The court directed K.C. Divyashree, DIG-Prisons, to identify all similarly placed accused who were not produced before the jurisdictional magistrate in the last six months, take necessary steps to ensure such incidents are not repeated, and submit a report to the court by March 6.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order on the petitions filed by Imran alias Kulla, 28, a resident of Islampura in Bengaluru.

Earlier, Ms. Divyashree told the court that prison authorities have increased the number of para-legal volunteers to provide free legal service to poor undertrial prisoners, and a process is under way to check the undertrial prisoners who have not been produced before the jurisdictional courts for the last six months.

The petitioner has challenged the two criminal cases, both registered in HAL police station, pending against him besides seeking his release from the prison for the reason that his detention is illegal as he was not produced before the jurisdictional magistrate at regular intervals as per the law.

The court expressed shock over the conduct of the police head constable, who, sitting in the chambers in the HAL police station and without attempting to execute the NBW, had sent the report that the accused was "not traceable" when the accused was in judicial custody for last four years in another crime registered in the same police station. The court summoned Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield division) Saidulu Adavath and directed him to initiate departmental enquiry against the head constable and submit an action taken report to the court by March 6.

Plea to be considered

The court said that it would consider next week the petitioner's plea for his release on the already granted bail from prison by waiving the bail condition for providing surety after his advocate pointed out that the petitioner is from an economically disadvantaged background and he could not furnish surety as directed by the trial court while granting him bail.

'No proposal to increase fares of BMTC, KSRTC'

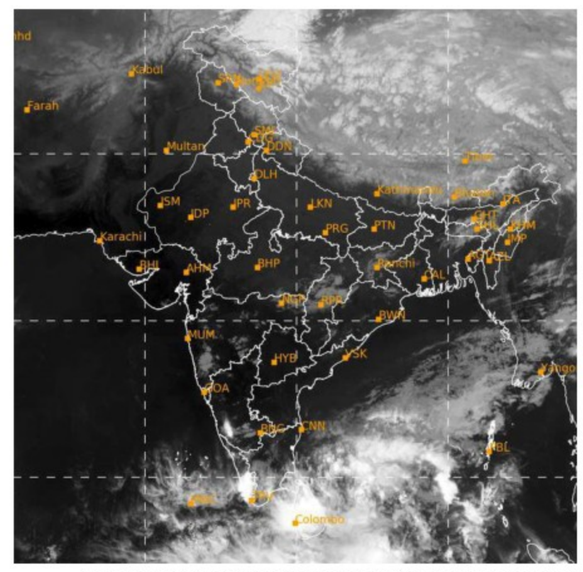
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid social media posts suggesting a possible hike in bus fares, Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy dismissed the claims, stating that no such increase has been decided.

The clarification comes after several posts were circulated online claiming that fares of State-run transport corporations, including Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), were set to be revised. Mr. Reddy termed the social media claims "false" and said no proposal to increase fares was currently under consideration. He pointed out that a Public Transport Fare Regulatory Committee has already been constituted to streamline fare revisions for the State-run transport services.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.5	17.0	Kozhikode	—	34.2	27.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.3	20.3	Kurnool	—	37.0	21.7
Aizawl	—	30.3	11.2	Lucknow	—	28.5	14.5
Allahabad	—	30.5	16.7	Madurai	—	35.2	23.2
Bengaluru	—	30.8	19.7	Mangaluru	—	33.5	24.9
Bhopal	2	29.8	14.6	Mumbai	—	36.3	22.4
Bhubaneswar	—	35.4	17.5	Mysuru	—	32.2	20.0
Chandigarh	—	26.4	12.9	New Delhi	—	28.1	14.2
Chennai	—	32.8	24.8	Patna	—	29.3	18.7
Coimbatore	—	33.5	23.4	Port Blair	—	31.2	26.3
Dehradun	—	28.4	12.5	Puducherry	—	31.4	23.9
Gangtok	—	19.6	10.7	Pune	—	35.7	21.1
Goa	—	35.9	23.4	Raipur	—	34.1	19.8
Guwahati	—	31.3	16.8	Ranchi	—	28.7	14.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	20.0	Shillong	—	22.2	10.6
Hyderabad	—	32.9	19.7	Shimla	—	20.8	10.3
Imphal	—	29.3	9.5	Srinagar	—	21.0	1.8
Jaipur	—	28.3	15.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.9	25.3
Kochi	—	32.2	26.8	Tiruchi	—	33.3	22.6
Kohima	—	23.8	10.7	Vijayawada	—	33.6	21.2
Kolkata	—	31.4	19.2	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	20.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday —

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.56	..62	26	... 110	...152	
Bengaluru	...6	..31	17	... 123	94	
Chennai	...6	..13	.—	 88	...472	
Delhi	.29	..77	81	... 225	...243	
Hyderabad	...4	..11	50	 87	...108	
Kolkata	...8	137	40	... 266	...196	
Lucknow	.15	..28	38	 99	...144	
Mumbai	.75	..64	41	... 164	...195	
Pune	..—	..62	35	... 213	...185	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	16	..... —	..... —	..... —

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560020.

ಸಂ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಆ/ಉಕಾ-1/ಆ/ಸಿಪಿ/1260/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.02.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಿಂದ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಆ/ಉಕಾ-1/ಆ/ಸಿ.ವಿ/1260/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.02.2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು **15 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 28612/2025 ಬಾಕಿಯಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹಿಂಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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E-Portal : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

Short Term Tender Notification No. 59/2025-26 DATED: 20.02.2026

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, No 1 South Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP.

Tender Notification are Published for 01 work **(Rs. 192.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender work can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP portal.

1. Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated: 09.03.2026**

2. The opening of tenders through KPP portal on Dated: **10.03.2026 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/5808/Zen/2025-26

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer Horamavu Division Jayanthi nagara Circle, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru 560 113

No.BECC/EE/HRM/TN/04/2025-26 **Dated: 21-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK KPPP Only)

The Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. Tenderers shall be registered in BECC /CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES/any State or Central Govt. organization. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Estimate Cost in lakhs/EMD amount in Rs.
	Improvements to roads & drains at
1	Chelkere Village @ Census Block Number 46/2 and Surrounding Area Ward No.86 Chelakere. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.75 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,500/-.**
2	Vaddarapalaya Village (sai Layout) @ Census Block Number 34 and Surrounding Areas Ward No.86 Chelakere. (CAT-II(A) RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
3	Geddahalalli Village Main Road Sonia Gandhi Nagara and Surrounding Areas @Census Block No.1/1 of Census 2011 in Horamavu Ward No.87, (SC RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.90 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,900/-.**
4	Horamavu Tank Road and Horamavu Village Cross Roads @ Census Block No.95/2 of in Horamavu Ward No.87 (CAT-I RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
5	Jayanthi Nagara Village @ Census Block No.150/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87 (ST RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.75 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,750/-.**
6	Kothanuru Village Anganawadi Road and Kothanuru Village Cross Roads @ Cenusus Block No.20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**
7	Kylasanahalli Village Cross Roads and surrounding area @ Cenusus Block No.4/3 and 4/3 and 20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.90 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,800/-.**
8	Vaddarapalaya Village (Kaveri Nagara) Cross Roads and surrounding area @ Census Block Number 34 and Surrounding Areas Ward No.86 Chelakere (SC RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
9	Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village and Surrounding areas Kylasanahalli Village and Surrounding Areas @ Census Block Number 20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**
10	Jayanthi Nagara Gangamma Temple Road and Lakshmi Narasimma Swamy Road and Surrounding areas @ Census Block No.150/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**

Calendar of events:
1. Last date of submission queries : **27-02-2026 within 11.00 A.M**
2. Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting : **27-02-2026 at 11.30 A.M**
3. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **09-03-2026 Upto 4:00 P.M.**
4. Date & Time for Opening Technical bid : **10-03-2026 at 4.30 P.M**
5. Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : **12-03-2026 at 4.00 P.M**
6. Validity of Tenders : **90 Days**

Bid document may be referred for other terms and conditions and any Corrigendum/Addendum will be published and notified only through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or Contact KPPP/portal

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division, Zone-2 BECC

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/14536 Date : 19.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP mode only)

KPTCL, Transmission (Operations) Zone, Kalaburagi, Invites tenders from the eligible bidders against **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2025-26/Earth mat/Konkal Date: 23.02.2026**for Construction of revised earth mat design and connecting all the equipment's to newly designed earth mat **on PTK Basis** at 110/11kV S/s **Konkal**.

For more information log on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly on procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 23.02.2026** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Elec.),
Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL,
"Prasaran Bhavan", Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-577007.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ದಾವಿಅಬಿ768/2025-26/5017 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.02.2026

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಗಣಿತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.
Tender Name:- Tender for Supply Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Computers and other equipments/Furniture for P.G Department of Mathematics.
Tender No: DU/2025-26/IND0035,
ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ (ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999, ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ-Portal Tender ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.03.2026 ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ website:-www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಹಾಗೂ ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, - ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ದೂ.ಸಂ:08192-208029 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

Government of Karnataka
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

No.: FD 25 JS(B&R) 2025 Date: 18.02.2026

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount : Total Rs. 9,000 Crore**
   1. **Rs. 2,000 Crore 8-Year Tenure.**
   2. **Rs. 2,000 Crore 8-Year 6-Month Tenure.**
   3. **Rs. 2,000 Crore 10-Year Tenure.**
   4. **Rs. 2,000 Crore 10-Year 6-Month Tenure.**
   5. **Rs. 1,000 Crore - Re-issue of 7.25% SGS 2033;**
2. **Method of Issue: By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction : February 24, 2026**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

Sd/- Joint Secretary to Government
(Budget & Resources)
Finance Department.

DIPR/DD-C.P/5740/KSMCA/2025-26

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot – 587104

No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-215/2025-26 **Date: 21-02-2026**

SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting short term retender for the ***Scientific equipments*** of the use of various campus of the university**.** The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the short term retender online through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**. For more details, please contact Ph.No: 08354-230258 and visit the link **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1.	Last date and time for tender queries / clarification.	25-02-2026	@	14.00 Hrs
2.	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	28-02-2026	@	16.00 Hrs
3.	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	02-03-2026	@	11.00 Hrs
4.	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	04-03-2026	@	12.00 Hrs

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting KPP portal.

DIPR/Bagalkot/599/2025-26/Deshpandepublicity

Sd- ESTATE OFFICER, UHS, BAGALKOT

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ 27 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. (ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :65,31,000/- ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ :1,65,000/-). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.kppp.kar.gov.in ಯಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:11.02.2026 ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ-5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಇಎಂಡಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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District Urban Development Cell, Ballari

No: DUDCB/Census/Outsource/2026/1 Date:20.02.2026

"TENDER NOTIFICATION"

The Project Director, DUDC, Ballari Invites tenders in two cover system using standard tender documents from Eligible contractors for the works detailed as below.

Name of the Works & Indent No: Providing Outsourced Manpower service For Technical Assistant and Multi-Tasking Staff for Census of India 2027 in Ballari District. DMA/2025-26/SE7362. **Amount put to tender (Rs in Lakhs):** 66.24. **EMD (in.Rs):** 1,32,480.00

Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **26.02.2026 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender technical bids: **02.03.2026 at 16.30 Hrs**. Date & time for opening of (technical bids): **03.03.2026 at 17.00 hrs.** Auto extension of tender schedule: **02 days**

Interested Contractors to participate in this tender, Visit the KPP Portal for more details

Sd/- Project Director,
District Urban Development cell Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/1037/KSMCA/2025-26

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India 'studying' U.S. tariff moves: Ministry

"The ruling invalidates country-specific 'reciprocal tariffs' and fentanyl-linked duties imposed on imports from major trading partners," Ajay Srivastava, founder of the think-tank Global Trade Research Initiative, said. "The decision effectively renders recent trade deals by the U.S. with the U.K., Japan, the EU, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and India one-sided and useless. "

The U.S. also has other tariffs in place, such as those under Section 232 of the U.S. Trade Expansion Act of 1962. "It would need to be seen how President Trump could still use other laws like Section 232 to enhance/keep tariffs for covered products outside of this decision," Krishan Arora, Partner and Indirect Tax and India Investment Roadmap Leader at Grant Thornton Bharat, said.

Under the Section 232 tariffs, the U.S. has imposed a 50% tariff on imports of steel and aluminium. These tariffs will remain, and data shows they could continue to have an impact on India.

Aluminium and steel exports, taken together, form the fourth-largest group of exports for India to the U.S. Exports to the U.S. of these items fell nearly 66% in December 2025, as per the latest trade data, in response to the tariffs.

'De minimis' tariffs also still remain

In August 2025, the U.S. suspended the '*de minimis*' exemptions, which had granted imports of items valued at less than $800 per person per day. This meant that the import of such items – ranging from textiles to toys, cosmetics, and electronic accessories – would attract the country-specific duties based on their origin.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, Mr. Trump issued an executive order saying that he has determined "it is still necessary and appropriate to suspend duty-free *de minimis* treatment".

This has an impact on India because a number of small exporters and e-commerce players used this *de minimis* route to send items to customers in the U.S. on a duty-free basis.

8% of voters out of rolls after SIR in 9 States, U.T.s

While Gujarat saw the most voter deletions among States with 13.4% of voters removed from the final list, Kerala recorded the least number of deletions at 3.22%. Among Union Territories, Andaman and Nicobar saw the most deletions at 16.87% and Lakshadweep the least at 0.36 %.

Voter deletions in Chhattisgarh stood at 11.77%, Goa at 10.76%, Puducherry at 7.5 %, Madhya Pradesh at 5.96%, and Rajasthan at 5.74%.

The final list for Uttar Pradesh is scheduled to come out on April 10 after numerous extensions, and the list for Tamil Nadu is set to be published on February 23.

In West Bengal, where the SIR has witnessed intense litigation between the Election Commission (EC) and the State government, the Supreme Court has allowed the final list to be published on February 28.

However, the top court also took an "extraordinary" decision to involve the judiciary in the ongoing exercise, saying the persistent "trust deficit" between the Mamata Banerjee government and the poll body has led to a "stalemate", with time running out.

In Bihar, the SIR was first conducted last year ahead of its Assembly election and the voter list shrank from 7.89 crore in June 2024 to 7.43 crore in September 2024. In Assam, a special revision of voter rolls was conducted and the total number of voters fell by 2.43 lakh.

The EC has asked the remaining 22 States and Union Territories to complete all preparatory work related to the SIR at the earliest with the revision "expected to start from April 2026".

India, Brazil ink pacts on minerals, steel mining; agree to step up trade

Day after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's tariffs, Modi and Lula discuss developments, launch action plan on digital partnership for the future; the Brazilian President proposes increasing bilateral trade to $30 billion annually by 2030

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in New Delhi on Saturday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

India signed agreements to cooperate in rare earth and critical minerals, and steel mining with Brazil as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in New Delhi on Saturday. The two countries committed to enhancing trade beyond the current target of $20 billion by 2030, and to expanding the India-Mercosur Preferential Trading Agreement.

A day after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump, and Mr. Trump levied a new 10% tariff on all countries, the two leaders also discussed the development, which has cast a cloud over the trade deals just negotiated with the U.S. After the talks, the two sides also launched a joint declaration and action plan on a digital partnership for the future.

"Brazil is India's biggest trading partner, and we have committed to go beyond 20 billion dollars in the next five years. Our trade is not just a number, it is a symbol of trust," Mr. Modi said in a joint press appearance. "When India and Brazil work together, the voice of Global South becomes stronger...," he added.

The agreement on critical minerals is a significant step towards diversifying from China, which currently dominates all processing supply chains for critical minerals. India and Brazil have also been attempting to increase cooperation on the biofuel alliance announced in 2023 along with the U.S. and other countries, which has taken a back seat given the Trump administration's focus on fossil fuels.

"Increasing investments and cooperation in matters of renewable energies and critical minerals is at the core of the pioneering agreement that we have signed today," Mr. Lula said. "We are not just the two biggest democracies of the Global South. This is a meeting of a digital superpower with a renewable energy superpower," he added, saying India and Brazil are both regional hubs, and defend multilateralism and peace.

Mr. Lula, who was accompanied by 11 Ministers, and the largest ever business delegation for his five-day visit, which included the AI Impact Summit, said India and Brazil should aim for a more ambitious trade target, and proposed doubling current levels of trade estimated at about $12-15 billion to $30 billion annually by 2030.

Briefing the media, Secretary (East) P. Kumaran said that Mr. Modi and Mr. Lula had discussed trade and tariff developments in the U.S. "Both leaders agreed...that both sides need to study the implications of [the U.S. Supreme Court judgment and the new tariffs] and wait for further developments by the U.S. administration. So we are in a wait and watch mode," he added

In 2025, the U.S. levied 50% tariffs on both India and Brazil, the highest in the world, for different reasons. In recent months, both have negotiated with the U.S. for lower tariffs and more exemptions on goods, although neither has completed a trade deal with the U.S. yet. Both also face the threat of higher U.S. tariffs over their BRICS membership.

The two leaders also agreed to step up ties in defence, energy, healthcare, agriculture and pharmaceuticals, and South-South cooperation.

Rahul submits fresh surety in case of defamation

Chinmay Gaikwad
MUMBAI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday appeared before a court in Bhiwandi to complete formalities in connection with a defamation case filed against him over his remarks made about the RSS during the 2014 general election.

The appearance was necessitated by the demise of Shivraj Patil, who was the original surety in the case.

In accordance with legal procedure, the accused must furnish a new surety to maintain bail conditions. Mr. Gandhi submitted the name of Harshvardhan Sapkal, president of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee, as the new surety. The court formally took note of the substitution.

This marks the fourth occasion that the Congress leader has appeared before the Bhiwandi court in connection with this matter. He was previously granted bail in the case.

'Bangladesh set to restore visa for Indian nationals'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Security personnel outside the Indian High Commission in Dhaka as Bangladeshi groups gather for a march. FILE PHOTO

Days after the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led (BNP) government took charge after scoring a major electoral win, Bangladesh is moving towards normalising visa facilities for Indian visitors, a diplomatic source has confirmed to *The Hindu*. However, a formal notification in this regard is yet to be issued by Bangladesh.

Bangladesh had halted issuing of visas in December 2025 when Indian missions faced protest and several incidents of stone throwing targeting Indian missions and visa centres were reported in Bangladesh. Subsequently, protests were held in India targeting Bangladesh's High Commission in New Delhi as well as visa centres in West Bengal. Against this backdrop, the High Commission of Bangladesh had paused visa issuance.

Visa had been one of the major areas that faced disruption with the overthrow of the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh in July-August 2024. As per diplomatic sources, India used to issue more than eight thousand daily visas for Bangladesh through multiple Indian visa centres in Bangladesh before the overthrow of the Hasina regime. However, following the major disruption of July-August 2024, Indian Visa Application Centres opened sporadically because of security threats. As per diplomatic sources, India isssued around 3,000 medical and student visas and at the time of the swearing-in of BNP's Chairman Tariq Rahman who became the new Prime Minister of Bangladesh on February 17, 2026.

Diplomatic outreach

The visa-related statements came soon after the Ministry of External Affairs on Friday expressed willingness to take the bilateral relation forward. Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Randhir Jaiswal had said in Friday's weekly briefing, "Building on the warm and historic ties between the two countries, India looks forward to further strengthening our multifaced bilateral ties with Bangladesh."

Manipur BJP MLA dies 3 years after mob assault

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Vungzagin Valte

Vungzagin Valte (62), a Zomi Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Manipur who was brutally assaulted by a mob in Imphal on May 4, 2023, died in a private hospital in Gurugram on Saturday after prolonged medical complications post the attack.

Though an official statement from the family or the hospital is awaited, Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said he was deeply grieved by the untimely demise of Mr. Valte, who "passed away today (Saturday) in New Delhi while under intensive medical care".

Mr. Singh paid his last respects to Mr. Valte at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram and is learnt to have told the family that the State government is inclined to accord the deceased full state honours in Imphal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the demise of the legislator, noting that Mr. Valte worked diligently to bring a positive change in society and that his interventions in the Assembly were always insightful.

Several political leaders in Manipur including deputy chief minister Nemcha Kipgen posted condolence messages on X.

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla declared a three-day State mourning. "The National Flag will be flown at Half Mast on these days throughout the State and there will be no official entertainment on the days of State Mourning, that is, from 22nd to 24 February, 2026," the order said.

Mr. Valte had suffered life-threatening injuries a day after ethnic violence erupted between Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities in May 2023. On February 8 this year, he was airlifted from Manipur's capital Imphal to New Delhi for advanced treatment and had been on ventilator support for the past week.

A third-time legislator and also an adviser to former Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on tribal affairs, Mr. Valte was attacked while returning from the Chief Minister's office. His official vehicle was intercepted by a group of people at Lamphelpat. He and his driver, Thanghoulal, a Kuki, were taken to a nearby community centre while his security officer, Elangbam Mapu, a Meitei, was released. The driver died two days later.

Mr. Valte was stunned with a Taser gun and was repeatedly hit on the head by a sharp object, his son Joseph Valte had told *The Hindu* on June 7, 2023. An FIR was registered at the Imphal police station on charges of attempt to murder and causing grievous hurt against "unknown persons." No arrest has been made so far.

Need to redraw Union-State powers as centralisation has failed: Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The record of India's centralised governance is unpersuasive, says T.N. Chief Minister

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has made a strong case for recalibration of Union-State relations, pointing out that the objective is not to weaken the Union but to right-size it, allowing it to concentrate on genuinely national responsibilities while restoring to the States the autonomy essential for effective governance.

"India now stands at a constitutional juncture that calls for a recalibration of Union-State relations. Such recalibration would not diminish national unity; it would deepen it by aligning authority with responsibility," he said in a letter addressed to Chief Ministers, political leaders, constitutional experts, and journalists across the country.

He also enclosed a copy of Part I of the report of a High-Level Committee on Union-State Relations. The report was prepared by a committee headed by Justice Kurian Joseph, with former IAS officer Ashok Vardhan Shetty and economist N. Naganathan as members.

'Imbalance of power'

Mr. Stalin argued that through successive constitutional amendments, expansive Union legislation on subjects in the Concurrent List, conditional Finance Commission transfers, and Centrally-sponsored schemes with rigid templates, the balance of power had tilted further towards the Union.

"Large ministries exist in New Delhi that duplicate State functions and often attempt to steer State priorities through micromanagement and procedural oversight. In an inversion of democratic hierarchy, plenary State legislation in Concurrent List subjects is at times sought to be diluted through subordinate rule-making at the national level," he said.

According to Mr. Stalin, such centralisation might have been defensible if it had demonstrably delivered superior outcomes. "But by comparison with decentralised federations, global benchmarks, or India's own aspirations, the record of India's centralised governance is unpersuasive," he said.

'Struggling model'

Moreover, the Chief Minister observed, the model had struggled to deliver universal access, sustained quality, genuine equity or global competitiveness. "Instead, it has produced regulatory complexity, chronic underfunding as resources are stretched across expanding mandates, blurred accountability, and a gradual erosion of State capacity," he said.

Mr. Stalin expressed hope that the report would stimulate constructive dialogue among the States and contribute towards restoring a balanced and cooperative federal order.

U.P. POCSO court orders FIR against Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The court noted the applicant's allegations are supported by sworn affidavits and were examined in an initial police enquiry. FILE PHOTO

A special court in Prayagraj on Saturday ordered the Uttar Pradesh police to lodge a first information report (FIR) against Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati and one of his aides Mukundanand Giri, in connection with allegations that he sexually exploited two minors, aged 14 and 17, at his ashram.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Kumar Chaurasia, who presides over a court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, directed the police to conduct a fair and independent probe in compliance with the provisions of the Act, and to protect the identity and dignity of the victims.

The order came while hearing a plea by Shakumbhari Peethadhishwar Ashutosh Brahmachari Maharaj, seeking registration of an FIR against the religious leader who was accused of forcing himself on minors at the ashram under the pretext of 'guru seva'.

The court noted that the applicant's allegations are supported by sworn affidavits and were examined in an initial enquiry by the Prayagraj Police Commissioner.

During this enquiry, both victims told the police that they were sexually abused by the accused on or about January 18, 2026, during the Magh Mela in Prayagraj.

It is alleged that Mr. Saraswati committed these acts while pretending to provide religious service and guidance.

The Magh Mela is an annual religious fair in which devotees assemble for a holy dip at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati. Hundreds of seers and religious leaders set up their camps at Sangam during that time.

The applicant said that complaints were made to the police authorities, including written complaints to the Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj, and the local Station House Officer. However, no FIR was registered, forcing the applicant to approach the Court.

Ajit Pawar plane crash: 'Minister must step down for fair probe'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

NCP(SP) general secretary and MLA Rohit Pawar on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu resign from his position till the conclusion of the inquiry into the January 28 plane crash that killed then Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

This was necessary, he said, as Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders allegedly had links with the charter company, VSR Private Limited, which owned the aircraft that crashed, also killing four others on board.

"...This is why we request that the Civil Aviation Minister should resign as the investigation body comes under him, and we need a fair probe," Mr. Rohit Pawar said.

AI Impact Summit: 85 countries, 3 bodies sign New Delhi Declaration

U.S. and China are among the signatories of the statement that offers voluntary, non-binding framework to promote access to AI resources, support locally relevant innovation, and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Eighty-five countries and three international organisations signed the New Delhi Declaration at the AI Impact Summit on Saturday, a day after the event's scheduled conclusion, as officials sought to expand the signatory list to achieve as broad a consensus as possible.

"Guided by the principle of *Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya* (Welfare for all, Happiness for all), the Declaration underscores that the benefits of AI must be equitably shared across humanity," the government said in a statement regarding the declaration.

Major participants, including the United States and China, endorsed the document.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal with U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, and other dignitaries on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

As with the 2023 G20 Summit, the road to consensus was paved with non-binding and voluntary commitments.

Democratising AI

While the Declaration does mention AI safety and trust – issues that the U.S. in particular rejected during last year's Paris discussions – its commitments lean heavily on knowledge sharing.

The 900-word statement offers a "Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI" as a "voluntary and non-binding framework to promote access to foundational AI resources, support locally relevant innovation, and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws." It also introduces a Global AI Impact Commons – described as a voluntary initiative – to exhibit AI use cases for governments to draw inspiration from.

Human capital

On security and trust, the statement says, "Advancing secure, trustworthy and robust AI is foundational to building trust and maximising societal and economic benefits. Noting that deepening our understanding of the potential security aspects remains important, we recognise the importance of security in AI systems, industry-led voluntary measures, and the adoption of technical solutions, and appropriate policy frameworks that enable innovation while promoting public interest throughout the AI's lifecycle."

The statement emphasised that achieving "the full promise of AI requires equipping individuals with relevant skills by expanding AI human resource development, specific initiatives on education, AI workforce development, training of public officials, enhancing public awareness of AI capabilities, increasing AI literacy, as well as upgrading vocational and training ecosystems."

"We take note of the voluntary guiding principles for reskilling in the age of AI and the playbook on AI workforce development, which would support participants in preparation for a future AI-driven economy," the statement added.

Poll body to deploy Central forces in West Bengal from March 1

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

About 480 companies of forces will be deployed in two phases in the State by March 10

The Election Commission of India (EC) has decided to deploy Central armed police forces (CAPF) in West Bengal from March 1, likely ahead of the announcement of the schedule for the Assembly election in the poll-bound State.

About 480 companies of forces will be deployed in two phases in West Bengal by March 10. In the first phase, about 240 companies of CAPF will arrive on March 1. The remaining 240 companies will be deployed on March 10.

Sources at the commission said that the early deployment of CAPF was a confidence-building measure for the electors of West Bengal.

The deployment of CAPF has often been a subject of political debate, particularly due to the high incidence of political violence in the State.

Earlier on several occasions including during the local polls, the Trinamool Congress has opposed the deployment of Central forces. The letter sent by the Union Home Ministry to the State's Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and State Director General of Police regarding the deployment gives a break-up on the forces being deployed.

In the first phase about 110 companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 55 of the Border Security Force (BSF), 27 of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), 27 of the Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) and 21 of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), will reach the State. In the second phase, the deployment will comprise 120 companies of the CRPF, 65 companies of the BSF, 20 companies of the ITBP, 19 companies of the SSB and 16 of the CISF.

After the completion of special intensive revision, the final electoral rolls are scheduled to be published on February 28.

Since the deployment will be made on the very next day, it is not likely that the dates of the elections will be announced in the State before March 1.

Put India-U.S. deal on hold and renegotiate it, Cong. tells Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jairam Ramesh

Following the United States Supreme Court's rejection of President Donald Trump's global tariffs, the Congress on Saturday asked the Narendra Modi-led government to put the India-U.S. interim trade deal on hold and renegotiate its terms, alleging that it was rushed through in "desperation" and has now become untenable.

Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said the Centre must "categorically state" that there would be no import liberalisation until there was clarity from the American side. "We demand that the Prime Minister state that we will not carry out import liberalisation after the [U.S.] Supreme Court decision..," Mr. Ramesh told reporters, adding that the agreement should be renegotiated afresh to safeguard farmers' interests.

His remarks came after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the tariffs imposed by the U.S. President exceeded presidential authority. Despite the ruling, Mr. Trump said there would be "no change" in the interim trade agreement with India, which includes a general tariff rate of 18% on Indian exports to the U.S. He also announced a temporary 10% import surcharge for 150 days under Section 122 of the Trade Act, 1974.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi sharpened the Congress attack. "The PM is compromised. His betrayal now stands exposed. He can't renegotiate. He will surrender again," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Mr. Ramesh questioned the "haste" with which the deal had been announced on February 2, claiming that Mr. Trump had declared the agreement effective immediately at the "request" of Mr. Modi.

Post court ruling on tariffs, Trump says no changes to India-U.S. deal

Sriram Lakshman

U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed that there were no changes to the parameters of the U.S.-India trade deal announced on February 2, following the U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling on Friday that the President's 'reciprocal tariffs' were unlawful.

At a press conference in which he railed against the Justices who ruled against the tariffs, Mr. Trump said that he would use alternatives to impose tariffs.

"Nothing changes. They'll be paying tariffs, and we will not be paying tariffs," Mr. Trump said, during a press conference shortly after the court decision was out when asked about the status of the deal with India. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him a "great gentleman", but added, "He was ripping us off."

"So we made a deal with India, and it's a fair deal now, and we are not paying tariffs to them, and they are paying tariffs. We didn't flip," Mr. Trump said.

The agreed terms of the deal reduce the general tariff rate for Indian goods entering the U.S. from 50% (including a 25% 'penalty' rate for India's energy trade with Russia) to 18%.

U.S. President Donald Trump during a press briefing at the White House in Washington DC on Friday. REUTERS

During the press conference, Mr. Trump said that he would sign into law on Friday a broad 10% "global tariff" (raised to 15% on Saturday) across the board using Section 122 of the U.S.'s Trade Act (1974) which is expected to come into effect in three days. These tariffs are valid for a maximum of 150 days. He also emphasised that Section 232 tariffs, which are imposed on national security grounds (for example, on steel and aluminium) and Section 301 tariffs (related to 'unfair' trade practices) would remain in place, adding that he was initiating 301 investigations. It is, however, as yet unclear what the legal basis would be for the entire 18% tariff rate on India.

The White House issued a 'fact sheet' saying the President was using Section 122 (i.e., for all countries) to impose a 10% *ad valorem* tax (15% now) for 150 days starting February 24.

Some goods would be exempt, the White House said, listing certain critical minerals; some fertilizers; pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical ingredients; some agricultural products including beef, oranges and tomatoes; certain electronics; certain vehicles and their parts; certain aerospace products and informational materials.

The suspension of duty-free *de minimis* treatment for low-value shipments was also going to continue, the White House said, adding that these would be subject to Section 122 tariffs.

Asked by a reporter during the press conference to characterise his relationship with India, Mr. Trump said it was "fantastic" and that his relationship with Mr. Modi is "great". He quickly moved on to claim that India had stopped buying Russian oil at the U.S.'s request. Mr. Trump claimed, as he has done before on multiple occasions, that he stopped the "war" (in May 2025) between India and Pakistan "largely" by threatening each country with 200% tariffs.

Mr. Trump did not answer a question on whether he had plans to travel to India for the Quad Summit this year. The summit of the group of four countries (India, the U.S., Japan and Australia) was meant to take place last year but was put on hold.

Calcutta HC cancels leaves of judicial officers to assist SIR

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Saturday ordered cancellation of leave, except under medical emergency, granted to judicial officers in West Bengal till March 9 to ensure compliance with directions of the Supreme Court for completion of the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in the State. The court also asked those currently on leave to join their respective courts and offices by Monday. High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Paul also held a meeting with officials of Centre and State governments on Saturday as per the SC directive.

The order will apply to officers posted as district and sessions judges/chief judges, additional district and sessions judges, and those on deputation.

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Protest at AI summit: court sends four Youth Congress workers to police custody

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP workers protest IYC activists' 'shirts-off' disruption, on Saturday. PTI

A Delhi court on Saturday allowed five days of police custody of four Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers who were arrested for staging a "shirts-off" protest at the AI Impact Summit venue here over the India-U.S. trade deal.

Judicial Magistrate Ravi of Patiala House Court sent Krishna Hari, national secretary of the IYC from Bihar; Kundan Yadav, IYC state secretary, Bihar; Ajay Kumar, IYC State president, Uttar Pradesh; and Narasimha Yadav from Telangana, to police custody for interrogation.

In its plea seeking custody of the accused, the police argued that they had raised anti-national slogans and had worn T-shirts with objectionable images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the venue of the event.

Stating that the act was a 'serious' misconduct, as an attempt had been made to stop the police in which three personnel had been injured, the police further claimed that the custody of the accused was needed to recover their mobile phones. The police also claimed that the aim of the custodial interrogation was to find out the 'conspiracy' behind the protest, the source of funding and place where the T-shirts worn by the accused were printed.

Counsel appearing for the IYC workers objected to the custody request by the police.

He argued that the arrested youth were associated with a political party and had exercised their democratic right to protest peacefully. He added that the arrest of protesters had 'greatly diminished the dignity of democracy'.

BJP, other parties slam Youth Congress protest at AI summit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday held protests in different parts of the country against the Congress party over the "shirts-off" demonstration by the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers at the India AI Impact Summit venue in New Delhi a day ago. Leaders of other political parties also condemned the incident.

In Mumbai, BJP workers showed black flags to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Thane when he was *en route* by road to Bhiwandi for an appearance before a court in a 2014 defamation case. While the BJP Yuva Morcha organised a demonstration in Delhi, protests were also staged in Jammu, Jaipur, Surat, and other places.

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INBRIEF

9 CRPF personnel injured as vehicle falls into river in J&K

Nine personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were injured after their vehicle fell into a river in Srinagar of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. The accident occurred on the Dagpora-Umerhair road in the Ahmadnagar locality in Srinagar. The vehicle fell into the river after the driver lost control of it, officials said. The injured personnel have been shifted to the SKIMS hospital in Soura, where their condition is said to be stable, they added. PTI

Shantmanu takes oath as J&K SEC, hints at local body polls

Former bureaucrat Shantmanu, who was on Saturday sworn in as the State Election Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for a five-year term, underscored the importance of holding the long-pending panchayat and urban local body elections in the Union Territory. Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office to the retired IAS officer at a ceremony held at Lok Bhavan in Jammu. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and his cabinet colleagues, including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat were also present. PTI

Bihar farmers lose subsidies, incentives for stubble burning

The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) registration of 1,807 farmers in Bihar was suspended for stubble burning in 2025-26, according to a report tabled by the Agriculture Department in the Assembly. Subsidies and incentives of 1,758 farmers were blocked in 2025 for violating the government's advisory against crop residue burning. So far this year, DBT registrations of 49 more farmers were suspended for similar violations, according to the report. DBT enables farmers to directly receive financial assistance under various agriculture schemes, it said. Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) chairperson Devendra Kumar Shukla said the State government has imposed a blanket ban on stubble burning to curb air pollution and prevent soil fertility loss. PTI

HC quashes case on offering namaz at restricted site

The Allahabad High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against two students who were booked by the police for offering namaz at a site that had been declared restricted by the local administration. In an order dated February 17, a Bench of Justice Saurabh Srivastava set aside the FIR, observing that the implication of the applicants, who had no criminal antecedents, was not justified. The students had been booked for unlawful assembly and for defying orders promulgated by public servants. A court in Sant Kabir Nagar district had taken cognisance of the alleged offences and issued summons to the students in May 2019.

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'AI must remain a tool for humans'

At the AI Impact Summit held in the national capital, Bhutanese Prime Minister placed emphasis on ethics, regulation and transparency to keep AI human-centric; he sees space for India's leadership and proposes Gelephu Mindfulness City as a regional technology hub powered by clean energy

INTERVIEW

Tshering Tobgay

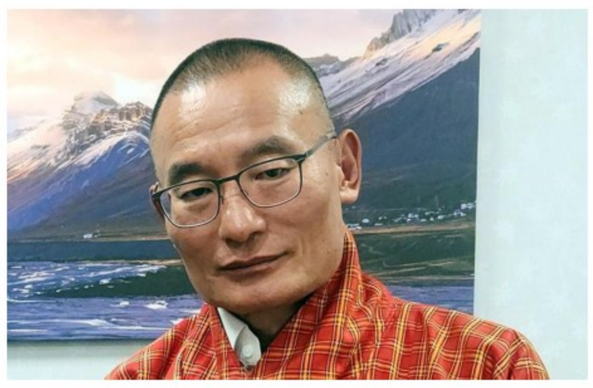
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) must remain a tool for humans, and not replace humans, Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay says, sounding an alarm on the need for ethics and guardrails in an industry where the U.S. and China dominate 70% of the products and research. Mr. Tobgay, who was a speaker at the AI Impact Summit plenary session for leaders held in New Delhi, also made a pitch for the Gelephu Mindfulness City as a technological hub in the region, using India-Bhutan cooperation on hydropower for energy needs.

You are here for the AI Impact Summit in India, and Bhutan is a guest like so many others. But at the end of the day, it's clear that the AI industry today is dominated by only two countries – the U.S. and China. Is there space for other countries to have a voice?

1.4 billion Indians under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I dare say, is more than a space. I know that India has the ambition and the mettle to pull it off and lead [the sector] too. I hope that AI remains a tool. I hope the big powers, the U.S., China and India, will ensure that it is a tool, a good tool, an efficient tool, a tool like no other. But I hope it remains a tool. In the wrong hands, this tool could become something more, or be misused.

So we need ethics, we need values. We need regulation. We need oversight. We need transparency, as Prime Minister Modi said at the summit – he said we want a glass box, not a black box.



Are you hopeful of new synergies between India and Bhutan when it comes to AI, especially as AI requires a lot of electricity?

Yes. The development cooperation between India and Bhutan has been most successful in harnessing energy that is clean and green, from Bhutan's hydropower. We have ambitious targets to develop something like 25 gigawatts in the next 15 years.

We are working with the Government of India and private firms in India, and that energy is going to be used for development of technology in particular. Much of our development of Artificial Intelligence is going to take place in the Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC), which his Majesty the King (Fifth King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck) has established as a special administrative region along the border with India.

Gelephu's domestic airport is now operating international flights to India, and an international airport is being built.

GMC is going to be a hub for Vajrayana Buddhism, and many monasteries and universities and meditation centres will be built, and a lot of the infrastructure is coming up already. GMC has its own laws, Board, and authority, own government structure, and many businesses have expressed interest.

Tata Consultancy [Services] has an office in GMC, Tata Power, and Adani Power are doing a lot of work in developing energy. We now have many 'founding members' for GMC (these include Gautam Adani), and we are hopeful that we will get even more founding members from India.

During the COVID pandemic, Bhutan was seen as crypto power. Do you see a space for more outsourcing, high tech, AI, and quantum computing in the GMC?

Look, at the GMC, we have stability. We have proximity to India. We have a good friendship with India. We have Prime Minister Modi's personal support for the Gelephu Mindfulness City.

We have access to huge amounts of energy that is clean and green.

We have an area that is clean and sustainable and liveable, and therefore we can do a lot together in the technological space.

Is building a global institution for the governance of AI a solution?

Every leader at the AI Summit has expressed a need for guardrails.

They have all expressed a need for ethics and values and transparency and equity, also in terms of enjoying the benefits of AI. And every leader I have heard has expressed concerns about the lack of moderation, regulation, of oversight.

So if political leaders are so concerned and they apply action to their concerns, then we should be able to moderate how AI is developed.

I believe India is poised to provide that leadership in terms of moderation, because India is the seat of the world's most ancient wisdom, ancient civilisations. If we ignore ancient wisdom, however, then I think this technology can get out of hand.

(Full interview is at newsth.live/tobgay)

'India and U.S. Navies have critical role to play in IOR and Indo-Pacific'

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

India has the capacity to play a central role in the IOR, says Admiral Stephen T. Koehler, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on the sidelines of the International Fleet Review in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU, K.R DEEPAK

Both India and the United States have a critical role to play in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and the Indo-Pacific, given their strong naval capabilities, says Admiral Stephen T. Koehler, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the recently held International Fleet Review (IFR) and MILAN-2026 in Visakhapatnam, Admiral Koehler said the IOR and the Indo-Pacific were vast oceanic regions where it was important to safeguard sovereignty and ensure stability.

"It is a major trade route that underpins the economies of many nations. It is vital for like-minded countries such as India and the U.S. to maintain freedom of navigation in this region. Both nations share common values and possess strong naval forces. When they work together with other like-minded partners, their combined strength can help protect the region from various challenges, safeguard sovereignty, maintain peace, respond swiftly to disasters, and, if necessary, act as a deterrent," he said.

'Strong partners'

Highlighting the growing operational cooperation between the two countries, Admiral Koehler said India was a strong partner and that both nations regularly undertake joint operations and complex exercises such as Malabar, MILAN, and RIMPAC to enhance interoperability.

"Both Navies operate P-8I aircraft and MH-60R helicopters, which are capable of anti-submarine warfare. We are working to strengthen our capabilities in areas such as quicker response to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations and anti-submarine warfare by deploying our assets, as we value a free and open Indo-Pacific," he said.

Responding to allegations from China that the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) was formed to contain Chinese naval expansion, Admiral Koehler said the grouping – comprising the United States, Japan, India, and Australia – consisted of like-minded nations committed to a free and open IOR and Indo-Pacific, and was not created to contain any particular country.

On the rapid expansion of the Chinese Navy, he said, "We welcome any country expanding its naval forces. However, we will not accept any breach of peace or challenge to sovereignty. That position applies universally."

Praising India's naval capabilities, Admiral Koehler said, "India has a strong Navy and the capacity to play a central role in the IOR. Most importantly, it is a highly professional force. In the coming years, we expect to scale up the complexity of our joint exercises."

He also noted that Visakhapatnam-based Eastern Naval Command (ENC) was strategically positioned and likely to play a leading role in the years ahead.

Tripura CPI(M) slams Devanagari push in tribal languages

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Mr. Shah suggested that languages spoken in the region should switch to the script used for Hindi and Sanskrit

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has criticised the Centre's attempt to impose Devanagari on Northeast Indian tribal languages that are spoken without scripts.

The CPI(M)'s Tripura State secretary, Jitendra Chaudhury, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the 60-member Assembly, condemned Home Minister Amit Shah's call to the speakers of tribal tongues to adopt the Devanagari script. He told pressmen on Saturday that any attempt to enforce a single-language script would threaten the region's cultural diversity.

Addressing the Northern Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan in Agartala on Friday, Mr. Shah said the 'Nagari Lipi' would help protect linguistic identities in the Northeast, where many dialects and languages have no script. He also urged all stakeholders in the region not to politicise languages or create controversies over scripts.

"The promotion of Hindi through the Official Language Department is acceptable, but any attempt to force communities in the Northeast to adopt the Devanagari script for their native tongues is not," Mr. Chaudhury said, expressing concern over Mr. Shah's suggestion that some languages spoken in the region should switch to the script used for Hindi, Sanskrit, and other mainstream languages.

'Freedom to choose'

The CPI(M) leader also said that the Centre's push for linking the adoption of Devanagari with regional development "undermines our linguistic variety and cultural heritage". Stressing that the speakers of each language must have the freedom to choose their script, he said the Centre's "cultural hegemony" was aligned with the ideology of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Indigenous tetanus and adult diphtheria vaccine launched; Nadda calls it momentous

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda launches of vaccine at Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasaul on Saturday. ANI

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda on Saturday launched the indigenously manufactured tetanus and adult diphtheria (Td) vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI) in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh.

Describing the indigenous launch of the vaccine as a momentous occasion, he said the launch marks a significant step towards safeguarding national health security and strengthening India's public health infrastructure.

With the formal launch of the Td vaccine, it has now been introduced for supply under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The Central Research Institute will supply 55 lakh doses through UIP by April this year, with production expected to scale up progressively in subsequent years to further strengthen the programme implemented by the Government of India, said Mr. Nadda while addressing the gathering.

Global pharmacy hub

Highlighting India's global standing, the Minister also stated that the country is widely recognised as the "pharmacy of the world" and is among the leading vaccine manufacturers globally. "Historically, vaccine and drug development timelines were long, tetanus vaccine development took decades globally, tuberculosis medicines took nearly 30 years to evolve and the Japanese Encephalitis vaccine took almost a century of scientific effort," he said, adding "In contrast, during the COVID-19 pandemic, India developed two indigenous vaccines within nine months and administered over 220 crore doses, including booster doses."

Mr. Nadda said that CRI is the first government institute to manufacture vaccines under Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards, reflecting the modernisation of public sector vaccine manufacturing units. He said the Universal Immunization Programme is the world's largest immunisation programme, which currently provides 11 vaccines protecting against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Constitution released in Tamil and Gujarati

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan on Saturday released the updated versions of the Constitution of India in Tamil and Gujarati languages, along with the 8th Edition of the Legal Glossary (English-Hindi) at Uprashtrapati Bhavan (Vice-President's Enclave) on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal was present.

The Vice-President's Office said the initiative was aimed at taking the Constitution to the people in their own languages.

INBRIEF

PhonePe IPO: Macquarie flags ESOP, revenue concentration

Broking firm Macquarie, in a report ,has drawn key concerns related to ESOP costs and revenue concentration for the proposed PhonePe initial public offering (IPO.) Macquarie said PhonePe's high Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) expenses are a 'significant drag' on its EBITDA margins. "ESOP costs accounted for 46% of PhonePe's revenue during the first half of FY26, the highest among its fintech peers," Macquarie said in the report.

'SBI investing in funds focused on start-ups to boost MSMEs'

State Bank of India (SBI) is actively investing in startup-focused funds and financial market infrastructure through direct equity participation as part of its MSME strategy, a top official said on Saturday. "We have been actively investing in startup-focused funds and financial market infrastructure through direct equity participation and schemes like Startup India, and banks in startup-intensive branches and business centres," SBI MD Ravi Ranjan said. PTI

This decade is India's tech-ade, says PM Modi

Hailing India's rapid strides in technology sector, PM Narendra Modi said, "This decade is tech-ade for India." Underlining India's surge towards building a robust semiconductor ecosystem, he said, "If the 20th century was about nations with the highest oil reserves, the 21st century is ruled by countries with prowess in chip-making." He was speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of India Chip Private Ltd., a JV between HCL Group and Taiwanese Foxconn in Greater Noida.

Global economic impact of U.S. SC invalidating Trump tariffs

The order introduces uncertainty around executive-driven trade arrangements concluded with the EU, the U.K., Japan and Vietnam and ongoing with India, among others as sweeping tariff authority requires explicit Congressional sanction.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Kunal Shankar

Trump Trumped: The U.S. Supreme Court building, where justices struck down Trump's sweeping tariffs in Washington, D.C. REUTERS

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs has sent shockwaves through global trade – not only because of what it invalidated, but because of what comes next. Even as the SC ruled Mr. Trump lacked authority under IEEPA to impose sweeping tariffs, the administration proposed a fresh 10% across-the-board duty under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, effective February 24.

Unlike the IEEPA tariffs, Section 122 authority is explicitly temporary. It allows the President to slap up to a 15% ad valorem tariff for 150 days, after which continuation would require Congressional approval. In the current political climate – with the President's approval ratings under pressure ahead of mid-term elections – securing that approval may not be straightforward.

Refund question

The fiscal stakes are enormous. As per Final Monthly Treasury Statement for Fiscal 25 (Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025), the U.S. raised $195 billion in Customs duties, more than twice what it raised the previous fiscal. A large share of that increase reflects the post-April 2,2025 measures now invalidated.

This means tariff collections between April 2, 2025 and February 20, 2026 may be subject to protest and refund claims.

Under U.S. customs law, refunds hinge on a technical concept: "liquidation of an entry."

When goods enter the U.S., Customs initially assesses estimated duties. "Liquidation" is the formal administrative act by which Customs finalises the duty owed on that specific shipment.

Once liquidated, the importer has 180 day to file a protest challenging the duty assessment.

If Customs denies the protest, the importer may sue before the U.S. Court of International Trade. Once liquidation becomes final and the protest window expires, refund options narrow considerably.

The dissenting justices warned invalidating the tariffs would create an administrative "mess."

They were referring to the cascading process of protests, litigation and accounting adjustments that could stretch over months.

Who benefits?

Under U.S. law, only the "importer of record" – typically a U.S. company – may file the protest and receive the refund.

The answer for who benefits lies largely in contractual arrangements, not statutory entitlement

There is no government-to-government mechanism that channels refunds back to foreign exporters.

Distribution depends on private commercial arrangements.

Chinese importers gain

China accounted for roughly one-third of U.S. tariff collections in CY2025, by far the highest nation paying duties to the US. Reports before the Senate Joint Economic Committee indicate importers of Chinese goods paid roughly $91.8 billion in Customs in CY25. Even before the reciprocal tariffs, China was one of the largest contributors to U.S. customs revenue.

If a significant share of post-April collections is refunded, the largest nominal relief would accrue to importers dealing in Chinese goods. The same logic applies to exporters from the European Union, India, Vietnam, Japan and the United Kingdom, all of whom faced higher effective duties in 2025. For context, automotive products, vehicle parts, electronics, apparel and textiles were among the top revenue-generating sectors in 2025. A reversal would materially reduce effective tax exposure for exporters from these economies.

Trade deals, leverage

The ruling also introduces uncertainty around executive-driven trade arrangements concluded with the EU, the U.K., Japan and Vietnam and ongoing with India among others. While the agreements themselves remain intact, the Court has clarified that sweeping tariff authority requires explicit Congressional sanction. That shifts the bargaining landscape. Countries yet to finalise deals may now negotiate with greater confidence.

Section 122 gamble

The proposed 10% tariff under Section 122 offers the administration a legally clearer pathway. However, it is capped at 150 days. Its continuation requires Congressional approval, cannot exceed 15% and is intended to address balance-of-payments concerns, not broad geopolitical leverage. With mid-term polls approaching, Congressional appetite for extending universal tariff – amid inflation sensitivities – may be limited.

Institutional jitters

Internationally, the ruling sends two contrasting signals. On one hand, it reinforces confidence in U.S. constitutional checks and balances. On the other, it may weaken the perceived credibility of Presidential tariff threats.

For global markets, uncertainty – over refunds, Section 122's lifespan, and future Congressional action – may prove as economically consequential as the tariffs themselves.

The economic consequences of SC order are only beginning to unfold.

Confident of IPO in a year or so, says SECL chief

Saptaparno Ghosh
BILASPUR

South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) is aiming at completing its listing on stock exchanges within "this year or so," CMDHarish Duhan told the media.

In response to a query from *The Hindu*, Mr. Duhan observed in the recent past, Coal India's subsidiary Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) received a very enthusiastic response and he felt SECL would be able to follow a similar path.

"We are confident [because] if you see in the recent past BCCL's initial public offering (IPO) received a very enthusiastic response," he stated, adding, "if you look at SECL's coal reserves, spectrum of the grades of coal we produce, our overall resources and being located in Central India, we have customers across [the country], we are, therefore, are very confident about receiving a similar enthusiastic response."

"The capital we generate from the IPO would be utilised for expansion of current projects, [acquire] newer technologies and land acquisition. A major part would be used to pursue diversification," according to Mr. Duhan.

"In the coming future, SECL would not just be a coal-producing company but an integrated energy company.

"That's the vision with which we having the IPO."

(The reporter was in Bilaspur at the invitation of the Ministry of Coal)

'Honeywell to speed up India transition to green hydrogen, SAF'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Ashish Modi

Honeywell is supporting India's transition to green hydrogen by helping enterprises and governments move from pilots to safe, bankable and scalable assets by offering proven process technologies, advanced automation and hydrogen-specific digital solutions, said Ashish Modi, president, Honeywell, India & APAC.

Honeywell India, a key subsidiary of North Carolina-based Honeywell International Inc., with a market capitalisation of over $147 billion, offers integrated software and technology-driven solutions to key business verticals, automation, aviation and energy transition.

Setting the context, he said, Green Hydrogen was becoming critical, especially as India continued to rapidly scale its renewables and industrial corridors and had a target to position itself as a global hub for green hydrogen production, exports, and domestic decarbonisation.

Mr. Modi told *The Hindu*, "Our approach is technology-agnostic and safety-first, built on operational excellence in complex industrial environments."

Boost hydrogen purity

Elaborating on Honeywell's contribution towards green hydrogen across industry spaces, he said, in refining and petrochemicals, where Indian refineries are among the country's largest hydrogen users, the company's solutions help integrate electrolysers into existing sites, improve hydrogen purity, and strengthen safety systems, supporting the shift from grey to green hydrogen.

In fertilizers, as firms explore green hydrogen for ammonia production, Honeywell ensured a reliable hydrogen supply despite renewable intermittency via energy management software, digital twins, and performance optimisation platforms, he stated.

For steelmakers piloting hydrogen in DRI (direct reduced iron) and high-heat processes, Honeywell supports hydrogen-ready combustion controls, plant automation, and leak detection to enable safer and more stable operations. "We also support city gas distribution networks evaluating hydrogen blending through hydrogen-compatible monitoring, measurement, and safety systems, and enable mobility and logistics hubs with fuel-cell components, depot automation, and safety and monitoring solutions," he added.

He said India was also poised to play a meaningful role in the development of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), supported by innovations that convert biomass-based feedstock into cleaner, drop-in replacement fuels.

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2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-BRIDGES - 14/ 2025 - 26

Following changes are made to the Invitation for the work at Sl.01 "Improvement such as widening and strengthening of Raikia - Simanbadi road from 0/0 to 9/000km (Except 6/425km to 6/575km) in the District of Kandhamal for the year 2025-26 " vide **Bid Identification No.CE-BRIDGES-14/2025-26.**

- The Last date of submission of tender is extended upto **5.00 PM of dt.06.03.2026.**
- Bids received on line shall be opened at **11.30 A.M of dt.07.03.2026.**

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer, Bridges, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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Tender Call Notice for Building work in Odisha
Bid Identification No. Building Online AGL-37/2025-26
No. 731 // Dt. 18/2/26 //

1. Name of the Work : Building Work
2. Total No. of Work : 1 No.
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.148.28 Lakhs Approx.
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Period of Completion : 15 (Fifteen) Calendar Months
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Building Online -AGL-37/2025-26	24.02.26 at 10.00 A.M.	10.03.26 up to 5.00 P.M.	09.03.26 up to 1.00 P.M.	11.03.2026 at 10.00 AM	Will be intimated later on

(1) For detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of Bleaching Powder for the year 2026-27.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/Bleaching Powder/RC/2026/003 dtd: 20.02.2026	Disinfectant and Chemicals	1

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Last date of online uploading of tenders	06.03.2026	05.00 pm. onwards
Date of technical bid opening	09.03.2026	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

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CORRIGENDUM -2
अल्पकालिन ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 17 (सिविल)/2025–26
(बालिका सैनिक स्कूल के निर्माण कार्यो हेतु)

राज्य/केन्द्र सरकार के राजकीय/अर्द्धशासकीय/स्वायत्तशासी निकायों में सक्षम श्रेणी में निर्माण कार्यो हेतु पंजीकृत संवेदकों से **MODIFIED BUDGET ANNOUCEMENT 2024-25** योजनान्तर्गत स्वीकृत 04 बालिका सैनिक स्कूल के निर्माण कार्यों हेतु ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 17 (सिविल)/2025–26 का प्रकाशन करवाया गया था। जिसमें निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है :–

क्र. सं.	प्रकाशित निविदा के अनुसार	संशोधन उपरांत निम्नानुसार पढा जावे
1	उक्त प्रकाशित ई निविदा में निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम दिनांक 20 .02.2026 को सायं 06 .00 बजे एवं निविदा खोले जाने की दिनांक 23 .02.2026 को अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे थी।	उक्त ई निविदा में संशोधन उपरांत निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम दिनांक 25.02.2026 को सायं 6 .00 बजे एवं निविदा खोले जाने की दिनांक 26.02.2026 को अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक पढा जावें।

1. Evaluation Criteria
Criteria for potential assessment would be as follows:-
(i) The bidder should have executed at least 33.33% of the BOQ quantities ofwork in any one of the last five financial years. However the bidder may opt., the current year in the above said five years assessment period.

S No.	Item	Quantity as per BOQ	Minimum Quantity required (33.33% of the BOQ quantities)
1	Masonry work	3675.58 Cum	1225.07 Cum
2	RCC work	2704.31 Cum	901.34 Cum
3	Reinforcement	628.12 MT	209.35 MT
4	Shuttering	22222.12 Sqm	7406.63 Sqm
5	Flooring work	15203.98 Sqm	5067.48 Sqm
6	Plaster	32657.71 Sqm	10884.81 Sqm

(ii) The bidder should have completed at least one work of similar nature in any of the last five financial years (Current year may also be considered) of the value (updated to present price level)not less than 33.33% of the cost of work (Bid cost). Completion certificate shall be enclosed for suchwork.

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Criteria for potential assessment would be as follows:-
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S.No	Item	Quantity as per BOQ	Minimum Quantity required (50.00% of the BOQ quantities)
1	Masonry work	4046.38 Cum	2023.19 Cum
2	RCC work	4302.82 Cum	2151.41 Cum
3	Reinforcement	408.59 MT	204.30 MT
4	Shuttering	21710.45 Sqm	10855.23 Sqm
5	Flooring work	6225.40 Sqm	3112.70 Sqm
6	Plaster	32657.69 Sqm	16328.85 Sqm

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1	निविदा शुल्क	Rs.1000/- (Bid value up to Rs. One Crore) Rs.2000/- (Bid value more then Rs. One Crore and upto Rs. Two Crore) Rs.5000/- (Bid value more then Rs. Two Crore)	PD account through Egras	पी.डी. खाते में ईग्रास के माध्यम से सम्बन्धित जिले के अतिरिक्त जिला परियोजना समन्वयक के नाम
2	Bid Security राशि	2% of NIT Amount	PD account through Egras	पी.डी. खाते में ईग्रास के माध्यम से सम्बन्धित जिले के अतिरिक्त जिला परियोजना समन्वयक के नाम
3	ई–टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया शुल्क	500/- (Bid value up to Rs. 50.00 lacs) 1500/- (Bid value more then Rs. 50.00 lacs and upto Rs. One Crore) 2000/- (Bid value more then Rs. One Crore and upto Rs. Five Crore) 2500/- (Bid value more then Rs. Five Crore)	PD account through Egras	Managing Director, RISL Jaipur/ पी.डी. खाते में ईग्रास के माध्यम से सम्बन्धित जिले के अतिरिक्त जिला परियोजना समन्वयक के नाम

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The curious case of the star that may have swallowed itself

Vasudevan Mukunth

When a sufficiently massive star runs out of fuel, its core collapses and triggers a supernova, a dramatic explosion that scatters the star's outer layers into space. But scientists have long suspected that sometimes, the explosion fails and instead of a supernova, the star just disappears.

In a recent paper in *Science*, astronomers have reported observational evidence of such a star in the Andromeda Galaxy, dubbed M31-2014-DS1.

The star was a supergiant about 100,000 times brighter than the sun. In 2014, it brightened in infrared light, suggesting dust was forming around the star. Then, from 2017, the star's brightness dropped by more than 10,000 times over five years until, in 2023, optical telescopes couldn't see it.

The researchers, led by Kishalay De from Columbia University, analysed years of archival data as well as made new observations using some of the world's most powerful telescopes, measuring the star's brightness in different wavelengths. They also built computer models of how stars evolve and die to help them understand the star's properties.

All the evidence indicated a failed supernova. When the star's core collapsed, it should have sent a powerful shockwave through the star's outer layers, blasting them into space. However, the wave may not have been powerful enough, causing most of the star's material to fall back to the collapsing core.

As a result, the star would have 'swallowed itself', leaving behind a black hole.

The infrared brightening in 2014 was likely caused by the small amount of material that was ejected; this material would have subsequently cooled and formed dust, which would have glowed with infrared light before eventually dispersing.

The researchers also found similarities with another candidate named NGC 6946-BH1, which vanished from optical telescopes' view in 2009, suggesting 'failed supernovae' may not be as rare as astronomers once believed. At the same time, the researchers wrote in their paper, the relationship between a star's mass and how it dies may also be less predictable than first thought.

'Will keep studying'

This said, a separate group led by Emma Beasor of Liverpool John Moores University argued in early January that the observations don't exactly match a failed supernova, including that the erstwhile star's infrared brightness didn't fade as expected. Instead, this group suggested the data could also be explained by two stars colliding and merging.

At present, Dr. De said in a podcast, the team will keep studying the star to learn more.

New Kashmir wheat varieties to solve crop cycle issue

Wheat is sown in October and typically harvested in early summer; in Kashmir, however, the timing is critical: farmers need to vacate their fields by May-June to transplant paddy; if wheat stays in the field, the rice-wheat rotation breaks down

Hirra Azmat

Scientists at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir (SKUAST-K) have developed two wheat varieties that could help farmers harvest on time and boost the region's total food grain production.

"One of the major challenges with earlier wheat varieties was that most of the planting material came from sub-tropical regions such as Haryana and Delhi," Asif Bashir Shikari, professor of genetics and plant breeding at SKUAST-K, said. "In Kashmir's climatic conditions, these varieties tended to mature late, often around June or July."

Wheat, a rabi crop, is sown in October and typically harvested in early summer. In Kashmir, however, where rice is the dominant kharif crop, farmers need to vacate their fields by May-June to transplant paddy. When wheat stays in the field until June, the rice-wheat rotation, a mainstay of food security and livelihoods, breaks down. "Although those varieties were high-yielding, they affected the cropping cycle," Dr. Shikari explained. "That is why plant breeders in Kashmir prioritised developing early-maturing wheat varieties that could be harvested by end May."

After nearly a decade of breeding and testing, researchers at SKUAST-K developed Shalimar Wheat-4 (SW-4), which matures by the last week of May, and the Shalimar Wheat-3 (SW-3), which matures in the first week of June. Both varieties are broadly similar to earlier wheat types in agronomic traits and cold tolerance. But they stand out for their early maturity, a trait that has often come with trade-offs.

"There is a negative correlation between maturity duration and yield," Dr. Shikari said. "Breeders sometimes accept this trade-off because timely maturity is more critical for cropping systems."

The varieties were developed using conventional breeding techniques, including cross-breeding and selection. Scientists generated thousands of progenies from hundreds of crosses and screened thousands of pedigree lines before identifying a promising candidate that matured early.

"First, we spent years selecting the best plants in the lab and research fields; this is called pedigree selection. Then we tested the wheat for 2-3 years at different university research stations to see how it performs in different environmental conditions," Shabir Hussain Wani, assistant professor of genetics and plant breeding at SKUAST-K, who developed SW-3, said. "After that, we tried it in real farmers' fields for about two years with help from the Agriculture Department. In total, it takes about 9 to 10 years to complete the entire process of testing and validation."

Another important trait is resistance to yellow rust, a fungal disease that leads to stunting and lower yield and which prevails in Kashmir's climate. "Yellow rust has been a recurring problem for farmers here," Dr. Wani said. "Resistance reduces risk, especially in years with favourable conditions for disease outbreaks."

The new varieties are suited for mid-altitude regions up to about 1,850 m. Researchers expect the varieties to benefit farmers in regions such as Gurez, where wheat is often grown for fodder, with grain as an additional benefit. "SW-3 is also biofortified with iron and zinc content of more than 40 ppm, protein content of 12 %, is disease-resistant, and with a potential productivity of up to 38 quintals per hectare," Dr. Wani said.

Timely harvest

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- SKUAST-Kashmir scientists have bred two early-maturing wheat varieties mindful of Kashmir's rice, wheat cropping calendar
- High-yielding wheat brought from subtropical regions matured too late in Kashmir, delaying the transplantation of paddy
- Of the new varieties, SW-4 matures by late May while SW-3 matures in early June
- The new varieties aim to keep the yields competitive while prioritising a timely harvest for farmers
- Researchers used conventional cross-breeding, pedigree selection, and multi-site trials over nearly a decade to develop the varieties
- Both varieties resist yellow rust fungal disease and yield reliable quantities of fodder, improving farmers' ability to manage risk

In October 2025, SKUAST-K introduced SW-3 to farmers in the Gurez valley near the Line of Control. According to official data, 70 quintals of SW-3 seeds plus a scientific package of practices were distributed among 700 farmers. The programme was aimed to extend modern agricultural technologies to isolated villages, where farmers often use traditional seed systems and have limited access to scientific innovation.

"If this wheat matures by May, we can prepare the fields for paddy on time. Even if the yield is similar, the timing itself is a big benefit for us," Abdul Hamid, a 52-year-old in Kulgam, explained. "Also this will resolve our problem of growing fodder shortage. We grow wheat both for its grain and fodder. The stalks ... are essential fodder. We dry and store them for the harsh winter."

Shabir Ahmad, a 34-year-old farmer in Gurez who grows wheat primarily for fodder, said the new varieties could offer more security: "In Gurez, cold and disease are always a problem. Yellow rust has damaged crops in the past. If these varieties resist rust and mature early, it will be safer for us. We mainly need fodder for livestock and grain is a bonus. But timely harvest means we can plan our fodder supply better and avoid losses from unexpected weather."

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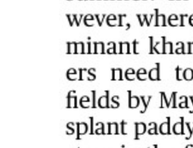
The biology of belief, optimism, and good health



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

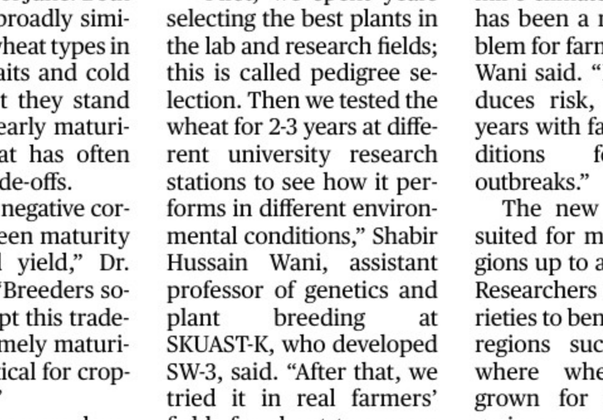
D. Balasubramanian

Helen Keller, the American author and activist who was deaf and blind, became an international symbol of human potential. She wrote, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Optimism can be defined as maintaining positive expectations for the future. It is a human trait that has also been associated with better health and a higher quality of life. Optimism shapes how we look ahead and functions as a modulator that amplifies positive possibilities and filters out negative projections. The Israeli-British neuroscientist Tali Sharot has estimated that about 80% of humans are optimists but that the optimism levels of most people can be best described as "mild".

It can be argued that optimism represents a biased view of reality. Why would evolution favour a trait that presents you with a bias instead of a perfectly objective view? The consensus among researchers is that optimism is highly adaptive, meaning it increases an organism's chances of survival.

Imagine a human as she lived several thousand years ago. She is in a cave and there is a drought going on. If she were to calculate the probability of successfully finding food – a rabbit perhaps, or a bush with edible fruit on it – she would in all likelihood not go out at all. Lethargy, which conserves energy, would be the rational choice. But optimism could encourage her to persist. By overestimating the probability of finding some food out there, she could be more likely to make an effort. This bias gives her an incentive to exert effort, which itself increases the probability of success.



People who score better for optimism have been shown to have healthier hearts. PABLO GUERRERO/UNSPLASH

However, there are limits to how optimistic you can be and still make gains. What seems to work best is a general, positive outlook, known as dispositional optimism. In response to a negative outcome in real life, a pessimist may say "I knew it" whereas optimists may resort to the conviction that "tomorrow is another day". This resilience is maintained through an 'optimism bias' (*Nature*, vol. 450, 102, 2007) characterised by an asymmetric processing of information in the brain: good news is given disproportionate significance and bad news is given less weightage.

One area at the front and centre of the brain, called the rostral anterior cingulate cortex (rACC), is highly active when optimists envision positive future events. High neuronal activity in this region seems to facilitate the encoding of favourable possibilities. Conversely, the rACC's diminished response to negative information seems to make sure setbacks have less influence on the individual's long-term expectations.

The Revised Life Orientation Test is a brief test used to measure whether a person is disposed towards optimism. It presents 10 statements that one has to rate on a five-point scale (from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'). Statements include "In uncertain times, I usually expect the best" and "If something can go wrong for me, it will".

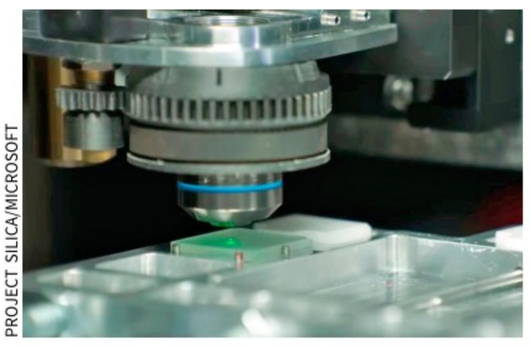
People who score better for optimism have been shown to have healthier hearts. In ageing individuals, dispositional optimism is known to be neuroprotective, shielding the brain from the ravages of time. High levels of the brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) enhance resilience in ageing (*Aging and Disease*, 16, 1813, 2024). Even as some neurons are being lost to age, BDNF helps surviving neurons rewire more effectively, allowing one's senses to stay sharp and the mind to remain perceptive.

(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling.)

SNAPSHOTS

Scientists find bouba-kiki effect in three-day chicks

Humans often match "bouba" with round shapes and "kiki" with spiky ones. Researchers raised baby chicks, then played the sounds while showing them the two shapes. Three-day-old chicks chose the round shapes more often when they heard "bouba" and spiky shapes more often when they heard "kiki". The study concluded brains may come pre-wired to connect sounds and shapes and this ability may be shared across species, supporting the idea that the link starts from perception.



PROJECT SILICA/MICROSOFT

Laser pulses turn glass into super-dense data store

Microsoft researchers have found a way to store data inside a 2-mm-thick glass plate by firing short laser pulses to create 3D pixels in hundreds of layers. Each pixel could be made to represent more than one bit, and the team found a 120 mm x 120 mm plate could hold 4.8 TB. A borosilicate glass version was also projected to be stable for 10 millennia. The team could 'read' the data using microscopes and machine-learning.

Psychedelic could join depression treatment options

In a trial, 34 adults with moderate to severe major depressive disorder randomly received either an intravenous dose of DMT, a psychedelic, or a placebo. Two weeks on, the DMT group reported a larger drop in depression symptoms and also improved more after a week. The benefits were found to last up to three months, side effects were mild or moderate, and there weren't any serious safety issues. The results point to a new treatment option pending more tests.

Question Corner

On the bright side

Why do shrubs like hibiscus flower/fruit profusely only on the sunlit side?

- Gayatri Chandrashekar

Shrubs and trees often flower and fruit more on the sunlit side because the planet's energy budget on that side is different. Sunlit leaves capture more usable light so they photosynthesise more and make more sugars and starch. Buds and young fruits need that carbon supply to form and grow. On the shaded side, on the other hand, the leaves make less carbon so the buds stay vegetative, the flowers abort more often, and small fruits drop more easily.

Well-lit leaves also produce stronger 'signals' that encourage the buds nearby to make flowers. Likewise, the plant interprets the way shade changes the quality of light as crowding and tries to extend shoots and leaves so that they get more light, over its own reproduction. Temperature helps this process but isn't the full picture. It warms buds and increases the speed of development, yet also dries leaves and raises the planet's demand for water. If the plant can't supply enough water, it closes its stomata and the rate of photosynthesis drops.

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FAQ

Why has eastern Nagaland got autonomy?

What does the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority offer to six 'backward' districts of the State?

Rahul Karmakar

The story so far:

On February 5, the Centre signed a tripartite agreement with the Nagaland Government and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) to form the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). An experiment in "devolutionary autonomy", the FNTA offers a high degree of administration and financial autonomy to six "backward" eastern districts – Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, and Tuensang.

What was the ENPO's demand?

The core demand of the ENPO was the creation of a separate State to be carved out of Nagaland. Its demand for a 'Frontier Nagaland' was conveyed in 2010 through a memorandum to the Centre, but is rooted in the policy of the pre-1947 British administration to leave the hills as an un-administered frontier. This lack of governance created a "developmental differential" that postcolonial India struggled to bridge. The eight Naga tribes inhabiting the six eastern districts increasingly began feeling ignored, politically and economically, after Nagaland was carved out of Assam as a State in 1963. The resentment snowballed into a movement for independence from the alleged administrative dominance of the western Naga tribes.

> A central feature of the agreement is the establishment of a mini-Secretariat within the region, to bring state machinery to the doorsteps of the eastern tribes

Why did Centre find merit in the demand?

The Centre's decision to intervene was driven by a mix of strategic compulsion and political obligation. New Delhi and Kohima, Nagaland's power centre, attempted to satisfy the ENPO with SOPs, including a ₹500-crore package, but these solutions failed to address the underlying political aspirations of the people. In 2024, the situation reached a breaking point when the ENPO leaders called for a total boycott of the Lok Sabha elections, demonstrating their immense collective leverage. That the ENPO region is a critical buffer zone bordering Myanmar also played a role in the Centre's eagerness to resolve the issue. Leaving a large segment of Nagaland's population disillusioned in such a region was a major security risk, especially as armed extremist groups are based across the porous border.

The FNTA is seen as a pacifier for a strategic asset to ensure that the frontier remains stable and aligned with national interests.

What does the FNTA offer?

The FTNA offers semi-autonomous governance to six eastern Nagaland districts. A central feature of the agreement is the establishment of a mini-Secretariat within the region, headed by a high-ranking officer to bring state machinery to the doorsteps of the eastern tribes, reducing their dependence on Kohima. According to the blueprint, development outlays will be shared proportionally based on population and area, and the Ministry of Home Affairs has committed to providing initial expenditure for the authority's establishment. The FNTA will exercise legislative and executive powers over 46 specific subjects. This devolution allows local leaders to make decisions on land use, agriculture, rural development, and infrastructure tailored to the specific needs of their tribes. Crucially, the agreement achieves this without abrogating or altering Article 371(A) of the Constitution, thereby preserving the unique customary laws and social practices central to the Naga identity.

Can the FNTA model be leveraged to resolve the Kuki-Zo demand?

The FNTA model has raised questions about its applicability to the Kuki-Zo demand for a Union Territory-like separate administration in conflict-scarred Manipur. Structurally, the FNTA is similar to the Hill Areas Committee mechanism under Article 371(C) in Manipur, which was provided to protect tribal interests. The Nagaland model suggests that the Centre is willing to create "territorial authorities" as a middle path between total Statehood and standard district administration. This may provide a solution for the Kuki-Zo community, as it demonstrates that New Delhi can innovate constitutionally to grant autonomy without redrawing State maps. However, the differences in context are stark. In Nagaland, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio was a willing partner in the negotiations, and there was no active, violent conflict between the Nagas. In Manipur, the government based in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley remains vehemently opposed to any administrative separation, and the levels of inter-group trust are currently non-existent. Furthermore, the presence of other groups, especially the Tangkhul Naga-heavy National Socialist Council of Nagalim, who also claim parts of the hill districts, makes a clean administrative carve-out much more difficult.

What are the key takeaways from AI summit?

What does the New Delhi Declaration say? How many countries are signatories? What were the goals? What is the aim of the Global AI Impact Commons? Apart from Reliance and the Adani Group, which companies have announced investments in domestic AI?

Aroon Deep

The story so far:

The AI Impact Summit from February 16-20 attracted lakhs of visitors, with high-profile AI executives and heads of state visiting New Delhi. On Saturday, 88 countries and international organisations signed the New Delhi Declaration on AI, which stresses that the technology must be democratised to make a difference.

Since when are AI summits being held?

Since 2023, dozens of countries have participated in annual gatherings to discuss AI. In its first instalment in Bletchley Park, the U.K. hosted a small dialogue on safety, where India was represented by then Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar. There is no international organisation that convenes these gatherings as of now – participating countries have generally passed on the baton for the following year's summit. 2024's edition was held in Seoul, and the last AI Action Summit was held in Paris in February 2025, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi co-chairing the edition with President Emmanuel Macron. In the Paris summit, the multilateral AI dialogue saw a significant shift, with U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance vocally rejecting a safety-first approach, instead emphasising innovation and unrestrained investment into frontier research and commercialisation of the technology.

What were the India-hosted summit's goals?

For India's turn, the government advanced a key set of priorities: that AI's capabilities must be available to as many people as possible; more work must be done to make it relevant in the Global South, such as by expanding representation for languages that have been under-represented in the training of western LLMs (large language models); and that the technology should be "safe and trusted".

> The summit is expected to catalyse long-term international partnerships

On the domestic front, the government sought to project India as an attractive destination for AI infrastructure and research, drum up investor sentiment for putting money into AI, and for encouraging the technology's already-enthusiastic adoption in India, especially in fields such as healthcare, agriculture and education. The names of the working groups convened for this purpose reflect some of these priorities: human capital, inclusion for social empowerment, safe and trusted AI, resilience, innovation, and efficiency, science, democratising AI resources, and AI for economic development and social good.

New route: PM Modi poses with Google CEO Sundar Pichai, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, and other leaders at the AI summit, in Delhi on February 19. REUTERS

What were the outcomes of the summit?

The government says that the summit attracted over five lakh visitors, a record that easily surpassed the attendance of the G20 summit in 2023. The government also touted $250 billion in investment commitments, as well as $20 billion in commitments for frontier deep tech research. The event also hosted over 500 individual discussions, with speakers from around the world. During the summit, India joined the U.S.-led Pax Silica initiative, which seeks to build a network of like-minded countries opposed to concentration of power in electronics manufacturing and critical minerals. India also achieved broad consensus among 88 countries and international organisations for the New Delhi Declaration on AI, which was signed by the U.S., China, France, and several other countries who are key for the development and deployment of AI at present.

The event saw the long-anticipated launch of India's first domestically trained multi-billion parameter LLMs by Sarvam AI. Sarvam is a Bengaluru-based firm that enjoys millions of dollars in private equity investment as well as government support in subsidised access to computing resources under the IndiaAI Mission. The firm says its models are efficient, and beat comparable models at many benchmarks. It has announced that its models will be open source, and after the summit, launched a chatbot interface in beta to interact with its LLMs.

The event was also plagued by a series of setbacks almost every day. On the opening day – three days before the plenary with the heads of state and keynotes by figures like OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and Google CEO Sundar Pichai – organisers were overwhelmed by an unexpected number of participants. Security and logistics issues abounded, with significant traffic snarls delaying even some speakers from making it to their discussions. On the second day, an exhibitor at the summit's concurrent expo, Galgotias University, passed off a Chinese-made robodog as their students' creation. The wide publicity to this caused significant embarrassment to the organisers, who ordered the university to vacate the premises. And on Friday, a group of Indian Youth Congress members stormed the expo, revealing hidden T-shirts and chanting, "Modi is Compromised," before being apprehended by the police. The Delhi Police has apprehended the protesters, and is investigating the protest.

What were the investment commitments?

Reliance Industries Ltd. announced commitments of ₹10 lakh crore in domestic AI, only slightly more than the Adani Group's similar commitment. Google gave a few fresh details about its existing $15 billion investment in data centre and AI projects in India, such as a subsea cable system that would directly connect India and the U.S. The event also saw high-profile pacts between OpenAI and the Tata Group, along with another agreement between Anthropic and Infosys. OpenAI said it would lease 100 megawatts of data centre capacity from Tata's HyperVault, and provide its advanced models to the firm's employees. The pacts were notable due to the stock price damage that both firms took after Anthropic's latest coding LLM shocked investors with its advanced capabilities. Yotta Data Services, a domestic data centre operator, announced $2 billion in data centre infrastructure build-out, with graphics processing units from Nvidia.

What does the New Delhi Declaration say?

The declaration is broadly in line with India's stated multilateral priorities when organising the summit. Nearly all commitments are described in the statement as "voluntary" and "non-binding," encouraging wider participation. These include a charter for the "democratic diffusion" of AI; a "Global AI Impact Commons," which would serve as a database of use cases for countries to draw inspiration from; a "Trusted AI Commons," described as a "repository of tools, benchmarks, and best practices [that supports the] development of secure and trustworthy AI systems,"; an "International Network of AI for Science Institutions" which would link technical institutes around the world; an "AI for Social Empowerment Platform"; an "AI Workforce Development Playbook and Reskilling Principles," and "Guiding Principles on Resilient and Efficient AI." "The summit is expected to catalyse long-term international partnerships and position AI as a key driver of economic growth," the government said in a statement, adding that there was "broad-based global consensus on leveraging AI for economic growth and social good".

Why has NGT cleared the Nicobar project?

Why does the government insist that the project is of strategic importance? What will India achieve by establishing a major cargo transshipment hub? What will happen to the biodiversity of the Great Nicobar Island? What are the concerns? Can coral colonies be translocated?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) recently concluded a high-stakes legal battle over the 'Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island', and ruled that all environment safeguards are in place for the Great Nicobar Island Project. This integrated project, estimated to cost ₹80,000-90,000 crore, has been at the centre of a debate between national interests and the preservation of one of the world's most sensitive ecosystems.

What is the Great Nicobar project?

The project is an integrated infrastructure development plan proposed by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO). It consists of four major components: an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), a 450 MVA gas and solar-based power plant, a large-scale township and area development, and an international airport. Building all of this would require diverting 130.75 square kilometres of forest land – roughly 18% of the total area of the Great Nicobar Island. It is projected to generate over 1.28 lakh jobs by the time it is fully implemented in 2052. However, the inevitable environmental impact of this project has prompted global outrage.

> The island is a biodiversity hotspot, and the project faces several ecological challenges

Ecological importance: A view of the Great Nicobar Biosphere reserve.

What is the history of the project?

The project's regulatory journey began in May 2021 with a Stage-I forest clearance granted in October 2022, followed by environmental and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearances on November 11, 2022. These clearances were challenged in a "first round" of litigation in 2022. On April 3, 2023, the NGT found "unanswered deficiencies" regarding coral conservation, the adequacy of environmental data, and zoning violations. The tribunal then formed a High-Powered Committee (HPC) to revisit these issues. The final order issued this month is the result of the "second round" of litigation, where the tribunal reviewed the HPC's findings and the government's subsequent actions.

Why is it a 'national necessity'?

The government maintains that the project is of extraordinary strategic, defence, and national importance. The Great Nicobar is located just 40 km from the Malacca Strait, a critical international shipping lane. The area is seen as a vital location to counter the "growing presence" of foreign powers in the Indian Ocean. By establishing a major cargo transshipment hub, India can participate more fully in the global maritime economy and save significant costs on cargo that is currently transshipped through foreign ports. A permanent, robust presence on the island is expected to curb the poaching of marine resources by foreign entities.

What about Nicobar's ecology?

The island is a biodiversity hotspot, and the project faces several ecological challenges. Initial surveys identified 20,668 coral colonies in the vicinity. While Island CRZ regulations prohibit the "destruction of corals", the project involves the translocation of 16,150 colonies to suitable recipient sites. The island is home to the Leatherback Sea Turtle, the Nicobar Megapode, and the Saltwater Crocodile. Critics argued that the construction would destroy nesting grounds in Galathea Bay. A major point of contention was whether the port layout overlapped with Island CRZ-IA areas, which are the most ecologically sensitive zones (like mangroves and sand dunes) where heavy construction is strictly prohibited. Environmentalists argued that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was based on only one season of baseline data, which they claimed was insufficient for a project of this magnitude. Critics have also raised concerns that the environmental impact studies downplay the seismic risks of the region, which is located in a high-activity tectonic zone.

How will it affect the tribal populations?

The island is inhabited by the Shompen and Nicobari tribes. The NGT noted the following regarding tribal rights – the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), which advises the Centre on environmental clearances, found that the project is designed not to disturb or displace any tribal habitation. The tribunal stated that the habitat rights of the tribes would be protected under the Forest Rights Act, though as recently as last month some of the leaders of the tribal council said that they were being "coerced" to sign 'surrender' certificates noting that they have no objection to their lands being given to the government. ANIIDCO is required to provide funds to the A&N Tribal Welfare Department for the welfare and protection of the tribal groups.

What was the NGT's reasoning?

The tribunal ultimately upheld the environmental clearance, adopting a "balanced approach" that weighed environmental safeguards against national security. The NGT ruled that while EIA procedures are mandatory, they should not be used to adopt a "hyper-technical approach" that ignores ground realities and national security. It accepted the Zoological Survey of India's (ZSI) finding that no "major" coral reef exists in the direct work area of Galathea Bay, only "scattered" colonies. It ruled that translocation would effectively protect the colonies. Following a site visit by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), the tribunal accepted that no part of the port project fell within the prohibited ICRZ-IA zone. The tribunal also ruled that one-season data was sufficient because the islands are not classified as a "high erosion" stretch where multi-season data is mandatory.

With the NGT according legal clearance, the ANIIDCO can move ahead with project development. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is also expected to move on port development activities.

Champion of European autonomy

Emmanuel Macron

France's centrist President has been pushing for reducing Europe's reliance on the U.S. and building military and strategic autonomy, but faces policy resistance abroad and political instability at home

Joan Sony Cherian

In 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle declared that "Europe must be organised so that it depends on no one". Now as the world order reassesses itself in light of various upheavals, the same rhetoric rings true from the same quarter as it had over 60 years ago. On February 13, at the Munich Security Conference, French President Emmanuel Macron stated that "Europe has to learn to become a geopolitical power".

Over the past few weeks, Mr. Macron has been clear that Europe must fashion for itself a path of 'strategic autonomy' by deepening the EU's single market, reducing dependencies on external powers especially in critical sectors such as AI and rare-earth minerals, supporting domestic companies by bringing in a 'Buy European' drive, and focusing on creating deep-strike capabilities and re-articulating nuclear deterrence (France is currently the only nuclear power in the EU). On January 20, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the French President emphasised, "...building more economic sovereignty and strategic economy, especially for the Europeans,... is the core answer".

Mr. Macron's push for European autonomy is a result of three main geopolitical realities that Europe is facing at the moment. One, the Russia-Ukraine war. Europe has been supplying Ukraine with arms and aid. Even with such help, Russia is incrementally advancing into Ukrainian territory, with peace talks being endlessly dragged on without breakthroughs. Economic sanctions on Russia as well as Europe's support for Ukraine have meant that Russia is no longer a reliable energy partner for the bloc.

Second, the dominance of China and Chinese companies in areas of critical security such as rare-earth minerals/metals. European investments have not been able to withstand China's position as a fierce competitor in these sectors.

Finally, and the most alarming of all, has been the volatility of the U.S. as both a trade and a security partner. Considered its most traditional trade partner as well as its largest security guarantor under the NATO framework, the U.S. has now become a flashpoint for Europe. If the sweeping tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump were not enough, his aggressive bid for ownership of Greenland, an island under Danish sovereignty, has signalled to Mr. Macron that the U.S. is no longer reliable as a stable partner. "There are threats and intimidation and then suddenly Washington backs down. And we think it's over. But don't believe it for a second," Mr. Macron said in an interview earlier this month.

This is not the first time that the French leader has put forth his idea of European autonomy. In fact, right at the beginning of his political career in 2017, his foreign policy stood out for its emphasis on strategic autonomy for Europe. While the idea had few takers back then, Mr. Macron has stuck true to his initial stand. He reiterated his position in 2023, when, after a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, he said Europe must not become "America's followers" and that it must not get "caught up in crises that are not ours", referring to Europe possibly getting dragged into a confrontation between the U.S. and China over Taiwan.

Now, by using the 'Greenland moment', Mr. Macron is actively rallying European powers to confront their standing in the world order, and strengthen Europe's ability to stand up to both the U.S. and China. "We have the Chinese tsunami on the trade front, and we have minute-by-minute instability on the American side," Mr. Macron warned.

Regional distrust

Mr. Macron has advanced the call for European autonomy on two main policy pillars, the first being eurobonds. As individual nation states may not be able to fund the scaling up of critical sectors, a common borrowing mechanism will enable joint investments in specific industries such as security and defence, climate, AI and quantum computing. These "eurobonds", Mr. Macron believes, could fund strategic investments for Europe and challenge the hegemony of the U.S. dollar.

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The second policy is the Industrial Accelerator Act, which is expected to be published on February 25 by the European Commission. The Act is meant to reconcile decarbonising high emission industries with maintaining competitiveness both internally and internationally. One of its key provisions includes introducing local-content, that is 'Made in Europe' requirements in public procurement and consumer schemes. It also imposes certain restrictive criteria on foreign investment in the EU.

However, Mr. Macron has been having a tough time convincing other European nations, especially Germany and Italy, Europe's two main industrial powerhouses. His 'Make in Europe' rhetoric, and pushback on foreign investment in critical sectors has come across as a tad too protectionist for Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz.

At the informal summit of leaders of the EU in Belgium on February 12, member states committed to the idea of a 'One Europe, One Market', with Germany and France focusing on their goal of creating a "competitive industry in Europe", without clearly addressing the apparent differences in how they wish to achieve the same. However, Mr. Macron has always maintained that "all this must be done in consultation and coordination with all European partners" and structured at the level of the EU.

Domestic insecurities

However, all such grand plans may come to naught, if in next year's presidential elections in France, the far-right National Rally (RN) party comes to power. Mr. Macron will not be able to contest as there is a two-term constitutional limit on the presidency. This means that Emmanuel Macron has just one more year left in office. And if the RN does come to power, there is no guarantee that it will honour Mr. Macron's agenda and commitments to the EU, as the RN has always been a Eurosceptic party going as far as to suggest, at one point, leaving the bloc.

Mr. Macron has been trying to expand his influence within the French bureaucracy and potentially stop the Rally's populist agenda by appointing close allies to top government posts such as replacing France's top auditor, and reshuffling foreign embassies.

Mr. Macron's rule has been unstable ever since his announcement of snap elections in 2024 when his centrist alliance lost its majority in the European Parliament. As the sudden elections again resulted in a hung Parliament, he went on to appoint three different Prime Ministers in succession until October 2025, as each one was voted out by no-confidence motions or tendered resignations due to political backlash.

These successive short-lived governments have reduced Mr. Macron's standing both domestically and internationally. It remains to be seen how he attempts to bridge his European agenda with the hypernationalist discourse of the RN.

THE GIST

- Emmanuel Macron has advanced the call for European autonomy on two main policy pillars, the first being Eurobonds, which envisages a common borrowing mechanism for member states
- The second policy is the Industrial Accelerator Act, which is expected to be published on February 25 by the European Commission. This promotes a Make in Europe drive
- But Macron has faced a tough time convincing other European nations, especially Germany and Italy, Europe's two main industrial powerhouses

Security dilemma

Anthropic

The Claude developer's push to be Washington's trusted AI partner while drawing red lines on surveillance now risks putting it at odds with the Pentagon

Vasudevan Mukunth

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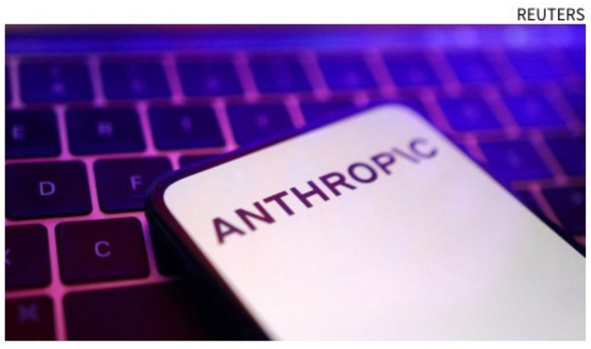

Anthropic has spent the last year trying to get into an awkward position: close enough to the U.S. national security apparatus to be treated as a frontier supplier but far enough to not get burnt. In one demonstration of this reputational yoga, it was revealed that the U.S. operation to abduct Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro on January 3 used Anthropic's AI model Claude.

More recently, Anthropic clashed with the Pentagon over safeguards to prevent fully autonomous weapons targeting and U.S. domestic surveillance. While Anthropic contended that these are non-negotiable limits, the Pentagon has held that commercial AI should be available for "all lawful purposes". Even more recently, the Pentagon has been considering designating Anthropic a "supply chain risk" – a tag that could pressure contractors to certify that they're not using Claude.

Why has Anthropic found itself in this bind?

In 2025, the company publicly embraced a larger defence footprint by announcing an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defence worth $200 million. It was a sign that Anthropic wanted to be the lab to say 'yes' to national security while still operating within limits, and in the process keep up a public reputation as a company that's part of the military machinery. Anthropic has also been trying to present itself as an enterprise productivity company rather than as only a lab with a chatbot. Its partnership with Infosys, for instance, will pair its models with a firm that already sells compliance and governance services to industries that are heavily regulated.

Two ambitions

The reason for its bind is that a company that can claim to operate safely in government contexts with stringent security expectations can also plausibly sell itself to banks, manufacturers, and telecom companies. That is, to governments, Anthropic says: "We will help democratic states maintain a technological advantage but we won't accept deployments like autonomous targeting or expansive domestic surveillance". As a result, it gets to say to enterprises: "We can operationalise frontier AI inside environments with strict compliance requirements".

Unfortunately, these two ambitions have since collided. Anthropic appears to believe that conceding on autonomous targeting and domestic surveillance would destroy the line it has tried to draw with other frontier labs and entrants that are also courting defence customers.

The Pentagon, however, seems to be signalling that its vendors' moral compunctions are beside the point, especially once the vendors are inside the defence supply chain.

The enterprise automation layer – i.e. the coding and agentic systems that allow Claude to be embedded directly within workflows rather than keep it as a chatbot that enterprises use in an ad hoc way – is still one of Anthropic's main focus areas. And the company has also been trying to pitch its models' safety features as an advantage because its logic seems to be, regulators and enterprises will prefer these models even when competitors develop more powerful alternatives. But this also means that if Anthropic yields to the Pentagon's demand, it could lose its signature differentiation, whereas if it refuses, the Pentagon could make an example of it.

The fact is that while Anthropic can try to control how Claude is used, its control will weaken once Claude leaves the building. Anthropic can say "you may not use Claude for x" in the terms of service or train the model to refuse certain requests, but even then, large customers rarely use an AI model as a standalone chatbot. Instead, they access it through cloud platforms, embed it inside software tools like for data analysis and automation, and they adapt it for specific missions. In other words, customers can work around the terms of service and the question of Anthropic's complicity still lingers.

In this sense, Anthropic's recent decisions are probably coherent. It bet that a market nervous about AI – e.g. governments worried about adversaries or enterprises worried about liability – will pay a premium for a developer that can both deploy and restrain. And the dispute with the Pentagon is the first major demonstration of what it will cost Anthropic to do both at once.

Deal in deep water

Chagos Islands

As the U.K.'s draft legislation to ratify the transfer of sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius moves through Parliament, Trump is taking aim at the deal

Sruthi Darbhamulla

In a social media post, U.S. President Donald Trump asked the U.K. to "not give away Diego Garcia", referring to the site where a U.S-U.K. military base is located in the Chagos archipelago.

The U.K. deal concerning the Chagos Island grouping is the result of a long negotiation surrounding the archipelago, located in the central Indian Ocean, around 1,600 km from the tip of the Indian subcontinent. The archipelago, positioned around 2,000 km north-east of Mauritius about mid-way between East Africa and Indonesia, is an overseas territory of the U.K., one of 14 remaining in the post-colonial era.

Officially referred to as the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), the grouping consists of 60 islands set in seven ring-shaped coral atolls. The largest of the lot, Diego Garcia, plays host to the joint U.S-U.K military base, which reportedly has an airfield, a deep-water port, and communications and surveillance-related infrastructure. The islands have American and British military presence and contract civilian personnel, but do not host a permanent civilian population as of today.

The islands were uninhabited when they were discovered by Portuguese explorers in the 16th century. Given its strategic location on international trade routes, several foreign powers sought to establish control over the archipelago. In the late 18th century, France took over the islands, along with Seychelles, treating them as dependencies of Mauritius. In the early 19th century, the islands were taken over by the U.K.; Mauritius and its dependencies were proclaimed colonies of Britain in 1814 under the Treaty of Paris. Seychelles was detached from Mauritius and became a separate colony in 1903. The BIOT came into being in 1965 following the U.S-U.K. agreement.

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Mauritius gained independence in 1968; the U.K. reportedly paid it a £3 million grant to maintain control over the Chagos Islands. In 1971, a military facility was constructed on Diego Garcia, and the local Ilois/Chagossians, descended from African slaves and Indian plantation workers, were offered the choice to relocate to Seychelles or Mauritius. While most resettled in Mauritius, a few moved to the U.K.

Right to return

In 2000, the British High Court found that the removal of the Chagossians was illegal and granted them the right to return. While this was upheld by the Court of Appeal in 2007, it was reversed by the House of Lords in 2008. An ICJ advisory ruling in 2019 found that the decolonisation process pertaining to Mauritius was illegal and recommended that the U.K. stop its administration of the Chagos Islands.

Although non-binding, the ruling had international weight, and the U.K. government began negotiations over this in 2022, under then-Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. An agreement was sketched out in October 2024. A final treaty to transfer sovereignty over the islands to Mauritius was signed in May 2025 by Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam. Before the treaty enters into force, it needs to be ratified by legislation, and a draft law dealing with this is progressing through Parliament.

The plan, estimated to cost £3.4 billion, envisages the handing over of Chagos Islands to Mauritius by the U.K, and the leasing back of the military base in Diego Garcia for 99 years, at an average cost of £101 million a year. The deal includes a £40 million trust fund to support Chagossians, who will be permitted to resettle in all islands except Diego Garcia.

Mr. Trump has called the deal "an act of great stupidity", and the potential loss of the land "a blight on our Great Ally". Describing the island as "strategically located", Mr. Trump indicated that Diego Garcia may be brought into play "in order to eradicate a potential attack by a highly unstable and dangerous Regime"– a reference to Iran. He has also linked the deal to his own designs to acquire Greenland.

The U.K. has maintained that the deal is vital for the U.K.'s security interests, with Mr. Starmer noting that the deal was required to avert the risk of a future binding legal judgment affecting the U.K.'s ability to use the Diego Garcia base. On the other hand, the deal has invited criticism from Conservatives and Reform UK, who view Mauritius's ties with China with suspicion.

WASHINGTON

U.S. military strikes another alleged drug boat in eastern Pacific, kills 3

AFP

The U.S. military said on Friday that it has carried out another deadly strike on a vessel accused of trafficking drugs in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. It said the strike killed three people. Friday's attack raises the death toll from the Trump administration's strikes on alleged drug boats to at least 148 people in at least 43 attacks. AP

KYIV

Ukraine strikes what media calls a missile factory deep inside Russia

REUTERS

Ukrainian drones struck an industrial site deep inside Russia on Saturday, which a Russian news channel, *Astra*, said was a key state-owned missile factory. The attack took place in Russia's Udmurt Republic, leaving 11 hurt, three of whom were hospitalized, according to a Telegram post by the local Health Minister. AP

HONG KONG

Hong Kong plans to buy homes devastated in deadly high-rise fire

AP

Hong Kong proposes to spend about HK$4 billion ($512 million) to buy out the owners of homes in a high-rise housing complex ravaged by a massive fire to resettle nearly 2,000 affected households. The government ruled out the possibility of using the original site for future residential purposes. REUTERS

COLOMBO

Buddhist monks rally in Sri Lanka for a wider role in affairs of state

AP

Hundreds of Buddhist monks rallied in the capital of Sri Lanka on Friday to protest alleged government disrespect of their religion and disregard for a long-standing tradition that they be consulted in matters of state. The monks at the protest in Colombo read out an appeal note they said would be sent to President Dissanayake. AP

379 political prisoners get amnesty in Venezuela

Agence France-Presse
CARACAS

Venezuelan authorities have granted amnesty to 379 political prisoners, a lawmaker said on Friday, after a new law was enacted by interim authorities following the U.S. toppling of former leader Nicolas Maduro.

Venezuela's National Assembly unanimously adopted the law a day before, providing hope that hundreds of political prisoners behind bars may soon be released.

National Assembly deputy Jorge Arreaza, the lawmaker overseeing the amnesty process, said that the 379 prisoners "must be released, granted amnesty, between tonight and tomorrow morning."

It would be 'fine' if Israel took over entire region: U.S. envoy Huckabee

In an interview, American ambassador says Israel has 'historical and biblical rights' to West Asia; Jordan 'denounced' the diplomat's remarks, which it called 'absurd and provocative'; Arab League condemned 'the highly extremist statement'

Stanly Johny

Mike Huckabee, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, said in an interview that Israel has "historical and biblical rights" to West Asia and that "it would be fine if they took it all". He later appeared to walk back on the remark, describing it as a "hyperbolic statement", but the comment triggered sharp responses from Arab leaders.

Rattling the cage: U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, left, while visiting the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. REUTERS

"This is a small population of people [Jews]. They have a connection to this land, historically, biblically," Mr. Huckabee, a former Republican Governor of Arkansas appointed Ambassador to Israel by the Trump administration, told podcaster Tucker Carlson. "This particular area we are talking about now, Israel, is a land that God gave through Abraham to a people that he chose. It was a people, a place, and a purpose," he said.

Mr. Carlson pressed the U.S. envoy to explain his comment. According to Genesis, the promised land stretches from the Euphrates to the Nile, "which will include the whole Middle East – Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, big parts of Saudi Arabia and Iraq," said Mr. Carlson. "What land you are talking about? [This] is basically the entire Middle East. " he asked.

"It would be fine if they took it all," replied the Ambassador.

Jordan's Foreign Ministry on Saturday "denounced" Mr. Huckabee's statement, which it called "absurd and provocative". It constitutes "a violation of diplomatic norms, an assault on the sovereignty of the countries of the region, and a flagrant breach of international law and the Charter of the United Nations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Fuad Al-Majali said in a statement. The Arab League "condemned the highly extremist statements" made by Mr. Huckabee.

When Mr. Carlson asked the envoy if he would approve of Israel expanding across the region, he said: That's really not exactly what I'm trying to say."

"It was somewhat of a hyperbolic statement. They don't want to take it over... but they want to protect their people".

Mourners chant slogans as they carry the coffins of Hezbollah militants killed in Israeli strikes in eastern Lebanon on Saturday. AP

'Israeli strikes kill 8 Hezbollah members'

Associated Press
RAYAK

Israeli air strikes on eastern Lebanon have killed eight members of the militant Hezbollah group, including several local officials, two officials with the group said on Saturday.

The Lebanese Health Ministry put the death toll at 10, but did not distinguish between militants and civilians. The Hezbollah officials said that the eight militants were killed in strikes near the village of Rayak in northeast Lebanon late Friday.

The Israeli military said on Saturday that several members of Hezbollah's missile unit, in three different command centres in the Baalbek area in Lebanon, were "eliminated".

A funeral was held on Saturday in the eastern village of Nabi Chit for two Hezbollah members who were killed in the strikes.

RSP rides reform wave, old guard digs in ahead of Nepal's elections

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

Political parties in Nepal have launched campaigns for the March 5 parliamentary elections, necessitated by last September's Gen Z protests.

The Nepali Congress, the country's oldest party, kicked off its campaign rally from Janakpur in Madhesh, a province bordering India, on February 18, as it seeks to reclaim its clout in the region. The Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), a relatively new force in Nepal that rose from the 2022 elections, organised its election gathering in Dhangadhi, a city in Nepal's far-western region.

Various other parties have scheduled their programmes, with the vote just two weeks away.

The coming elections are seen as a litmus test for Nepal's traditional parties, which have drawn scorn from various quarters for their failures, despite ruling the country for the last three decades. Change is the common refrain among voters, but there is little clarity as to what exactly that means, except for one apparent issue that stands out – there is palpable frustration with the old parties.

Tanka Lama, from Ramechhap, a district around 150 km east of Kathmandu, says it's time Nepalis voted for a party other than the Nepali Congress or the Communist Party of Nepal-UML. "I had plans to vote for the RSP, but since Balendra Shah has joined the party as its PM candidate, I have changed my mind," said Mr. Lama, 25, who drives a taxi in Kathmandu. "I will probably vote for Ujyalo [Nepal Party]."

Poll fervour: RSP candidate Balendra Shah during a door-to-door election campaign in Jhapa, Nepal on February 16. AFP

The RSP was formed just six months before the 2022 elections by former TV host Rabi Lamichhane. Riding on the wave of widespread discontent against Nepal's traditional parties, it emerged as the fourth-largest force. Mr. Lamichhane is a controversial figure, facing charges of embezzling cooperative funds, while Mr. Shah, who resigned as Kathmandu's mayor, remains a Marmite figure.

Bet on the bell

Nityanand, an analyst based in Janakpur, says voters do not seem to care much about Mr. Lamichhane or Mr. Shah; the wave is such that everyone says "ghanti," or the bell, the election symbol of the RSP. "The RSP wave is unprecedented. It's a different matter whether the street emotions will materialise into actual votes," he said.

Apart from the RSP, other new forces are also emerging. The Ujyalo Nepal Party came into being only recently, launched by Kulmang Ghising, a former technocrat credited with ending Nepal's hours-long power outages.

As many as 68 parties are contesting the March 5 polls, with more than 3,000 candidates running for the 275-member House of Representatives. In Nepal, 165 members are elected under the directly elected first-past-the-post system, while 110 are elected under the proportional representation (PR) system. This mixed system makes it extremely difficult for any party to secure a majority.

The question many are asking this time is who will emerge as the biggest party. Though the street wave leans towards the RSP, it is a force with a weaker organisational structure compared to parties like the Nepali Congress or the CPN-UML. The Maoist party, led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who led the 10-year-long insurgency from 1996 to 2006, has now transformed into the Nepali Communist Party. Mr. Dahal, a two-time Prime Minister, has moved to Rukum – a Maoist stronghold during the insurgency – in search of a safe constituency, an indication of how the party's appeal has waned over the years.

Until 2022, Nepal's electoral trend showed little to no swing votes, with the Congress and the UML usually standing out. In 2008, the Maoist party, which had just emerged from the war, stunned many as it became the single largest party. But in elections after the 2015 constitution, the Congress and the UML have led. That pattern was disrupted in 2022 with the emergence of the RSP.

When the Gen Z protests happened in September 2025, which left 77 dead, the UML's K.P. Sharma Oli was the Prime Minister with the backing of the Congress. Dissatisfaction with these parties had already been simmering, as the protests called for an end to a status quo entrenched by the old guard that many believed was promoting corruption and mis-governance. Many also hold the two parties responsible for the protest deaths.

Mr. Oli resigned on September 9. President Ram Chandra Poudel, on September 12, formed an interim government led by Sushila Karki, a former Chief Justice. The interim administration dissolved the House and called elections for March 5.

As many as 19 million people, out of Nepal's 30 million population, are eligible to vote, with around one million voters – mostly youth – added to the rolls after the protests.

Mr. Lama, the taxi driver, says voting out old parties does not necessarily mean everything will change and improve in the country, but since the Gen Z protests demanded change, the country must see a shift. "I know even if the RSP wins, it cannot form a government alone," he said. "But the point is we have already seen other parties, let's give a new party a chance."

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Bids for the Water Supply Scheme for Augmentation and rehabilitation of UWSS Kishangarh, Pushkar, Nasirabad Cantt and Nasirabad Town, District Ajmer including 5 years O&M after 1 year defect liability period under AMRUT 2.0 (NIT No.24/2025-26; Estimated Cost Rs. 5183.72 Lacs) are invited from interested bidders up to dated 05.03.2026. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.raj.nic.in) (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state.

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The Executive Engineer, TEC Division (BWCC) invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

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Tender Inviting Authority

HIGH PRAISE

Varun did well against us, and he is a very good bowler: de Kock

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Quinton de Kock praised Varun Chakaravarthy while stressing that the South African batters had their plans. "He is a very good bowler. He bowled well against us in the series, like two months ago. Hopefully, the guys have had a bit more time to look at him, speak about how they are going to play against him," de Kock said.

DEALING WITH IT

Pitches have been tricky but not too challenging: Suryakumar

VIJAY SONEJI

The surfaces on offer in the T20 WC have thrown up challenges but skipper Suryakumar Yadav said that India has adapted well. "From Wankhede (venue for the first game) till the last league match, the pitches were not too challenging but a little tricky. We knew how to bat after the PowerPlay and finish the innings," said Suryakumar.

IN FOR A FIGHT

We underestimated a few sides in our group: England skipper Brook

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

We probably underestimated a few of the sides. They put up a really good fight. Yeah, we came here to get through that stage, and thankfully, we have. So, we're here in the Super Eight, and that's our main focus now — England captain Harry Brook ahead of the match against Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup.

LOOKING AHEAD

'The teams which make fewer mistakes are likely to go through'

AFP

Fielding coach R. Sridhar said Sri Lanka has moved on from the 0-3 drubbing by England at home in the run-up to the T20 World Cup. "The teams which do things correctly under pressure, the teams which make fewer mistakes are likely to go through," Sridhar said on the eve of Sri Lanka's Super Eight game against England.

India, South Africa lock horns in what promises to be a thriller

A lot would hinge on the Proteas speedsters and their battle with the defending champion's top-order; the home spinners will have to rein in the rival batters; the good show of all-rounders Hardik and Dube augurs well for Suryakumar's side

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

Much water has flowed down the Sabarmati since India and South Africa clashed at the Narendra Modi Stadium here last December. Suryakumar Yadav's men clinched that fifth T20I to seize the series 3-1. Now at the same venue, the two units will square up against each other in the ICC T20 World Cup Super Eight Group 1 match on Sunday.

Having played three Group D games at Ahmedabad, South Africa is clued into the surface. Yet, this awareness may not negate the host's advantage that India naturally has. The Men in Blue also played their last encounter here against the Netherlands.

Aiden Markram's men have some history to brood over. In the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup final at Bridgetown, South Africa lost to Rohit Sharma's men by seven runs. Cut to the present, the visitors know that defending champion India is a potent threat.

India won all its Group A outings but the results cannot mask some areas of concern. Atop the batting tree, Abhishek Sharma's three ducks may cause some worry but he is a rare talent, even as Sanju Samson remains an option.

Match-ups: Rinku may have a big role to play as a finisher. Markram, on the other hand, will be hoping for Rabada to strike early. VIJAY SONEJI

The host found its heroes in every game, with Shivam Dube sparkling against the Netherlands. Along with Hardik Pandya, Dube adds value to the all-rounder zone within the Indian playing XI. Losing wickets in clusters has often shadowed India, and now as the championship veers towards its business end, solidity and extra runs remain imperative.

The South African batters can strike hard and that would be a challenge to an Indian attack helmed by Jasprit Bumrah. The spinners will have to rein in the rival batters. Men like Quinton de Kock, thanks to the Indian Premier League, have a sense of the Indian bowlers. Much would hinge on South African speedsters like Marco Jansen and Lungi Ngidi, and their tussle with India's top-order.

In its campaign so far, South Africa has been on cruise mode except during the scare that Afghanistan nearly inflicted in a clash that spilled into two Super Overs. Against India, Markram's troops have an opportunity to find a second wind.

The ICC Test Championship mace rests with the Proteas, but in limited overs cricket, it has often been a tale of heartbreak. South Africa wants to alter its fortunes while India hopes for an extended winning streak. Sunday's face-off should be an adrenaline-soaked one.

de Kock. VIJAY SONEJI

'It's about who wins the small moments'

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

Quinton de Kock stressed that the recent flurry of T20Is between India and South Africa could add a twist to the T20 World Cup Super Eight game between the two teams.

"We will have a good game because we have played against each other quite a bit over the last two months. The teams haven't really changed much. So I think it's more about who deals with the pressure better and wins the small moments in the game," said the South African opener at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday.

Recalling the 2024 T20 World Cup final loss to India, de Kock emphasised that the players have moved on: "To be honest, after that day, we just forgot about it." And when specifically asked about Abhishek Sharma, de Kock replied: "He is the No. 1 T20 batsman at the moment so he must keep doing what he is doing. He is quite young, he is bound to fail but at some point he will play an important knock."

The southpaw also backed his fellow-opener and skipper Aiden Markram: "He has clarity as an opener and as a captain allows us to be ourselves".

Sri Lanka-England face-off set to be a middle-overs tussle

Abhishek Saini
COLOMBO

Having endured an underwhelming run through the group stage, England will be rubbing its hands at the prospect of facing an injury-ridden Sri Lanka in its T20 World Cup Super Eight opener at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Already bruised by the upset against Zimbabwe, the horrors of a 0-3 sweep at the hands of England at the same venue just days before this World Cup will be a psychological double whammy for Sri Lanka.

England was bailed out by Sam Curran's death bowling against Nepal and Italy, and lost to the West Indies.

But the next round could be the perfect occasion to align with its strengths once more.

Swashbuckling tee offs from Phil Salt and Jos Buttler had been central to England's T20 renaissance under Harry Brook in the last year. In this tournament, neither averages more than 15. If the duo survives Sri Lanka's early spin barrage, England will thrive.

England's middle-order has chipped in but its scoring rate has taken a hit in the absence of a launch pad.

Between the seventh and 15th overs, England has scored at just 7.77 per over, often leaving Will Jacks on his own to muster up a concluding flourish.

Sri Lanka's middle-order has been caught up in a similar rut. It scored just 66 runs between seventh and 16th overs against Zimbabwe, which sapped the momentum out of its innings.

Dasun Shanaka and Kamindu Mendis have compensated at the death, hitting at strike rates of 200 and 225, respectively.

But doing so would be difficult against Curran, whose melange of cutters and variations have shrunk the hitting arcs of batters this World Cup.

He has conceded at just 8.25 per over at the death and picked three wickets.

Under the scanner: Openers Buttler and Salt have not really fired so far in the tournament. AP

Last year he covered for us, now we will cover for him: Suryakumar on Abhishek

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

In an age of instant judgement, an opener failing to open his account thrice may seem like a catastrophe but Suryakumar Yadav strongly backed Abhishek Sharma.

Addressing the media at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday, the Indian skipper effusively supported Abhishek.

"I worry for the people who are worried about Abhishek's form. When he scores a run, you have seen what happens. The team has a requirement that the boy should play with his identity.

"If it happens, then it's fine, if it doesn't, then we are there to cover. Last year he covered for us, now we will cover for him," Suryakumar said ahead of the clash against South Africa.

The captain also supported Tilak Varma: "I am sure he must not be happy with how he is batting right now. He has practised a lot as well. But I don't have any concerns regarding him. He has been delivering for India at No. 3 and I am confident he will do better."

Suryakumar also explained the team's batting approach: "We don't have to be a team that keeps hitting and hitting. Sometimes, we can lose two or three wickets quickly. So we have to be smart and bat well between overs seven to 15. And then we have enough firepower to score around 60, 70 runs in the last five overs."

Refusing to dwell too much on the surface or on the toss, Suryakumar emphasised that he has the right men to adapt to all kinds of situations: "I feel toss is a bit overrated now. If you bat well in the first innings, even if there is dew, you can still defend (the score) if you have confidence in your bowling unit".

SUPER EIGHT

Today's matches

Pallekele, 3 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 17
Sri Lanka 4 | England 13

Ahmedabad, 7 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 35
India 21 | South Africa 13 | NR 1

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1, 2 & JIOHOTSTAR

Backed to the hilt: Suryakumar wants Abhishek to continue with his fearless approach at the top of the order. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Men in Blue will be up against it if the dangerous de Kock gets going

Sunil Gavaskar

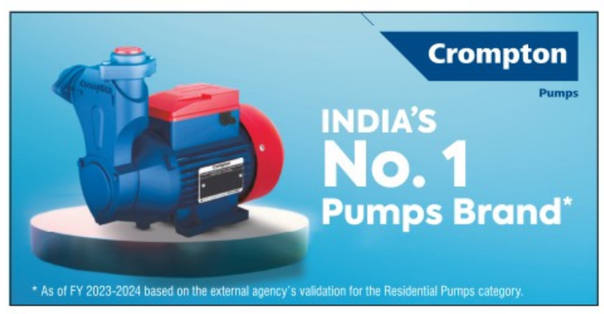
It was only a couple of months back that South Africa played a white-ball series in India after blanking the home side in the preceding Test series. That T20I series was not only a good warm-up for the World Cup but also gave both teams an idea about each other's strengths and weaknesses. Don't forget that South Africa are still smarting over that defeat in the World Cup final in Barbados in June 2024 and are thirsting for revenge.

Since then, they have gone on to beat Australia in the final of the World Test Championship and know better how to tackle the big-match temperament. That one win after being so near yet so far on several occasions has done wonders to their confidence and they have looked a different team since then in all formats of the game. There is a mean look about them now and they take the field with a swagger that the West Indies and Australian teams of yore had.

They also have the advantage of so many of their players competing in the IPL and so are familiar with the conditions and the pressure of the Indian crowds. Like the other teams in Super Eight Group 1, they won all their group-stage games quite comfortable barring the match against Afghanistan. Their changed mindset was seen again in the thriller against the Afghans. They never gave up, stuck to their plans and eventually prevailed in the second Super Over.

Like the Indian team, they don't rely on any one player and have several game-changers. The one to watch out for with the bat would be Quinton de Kock as his record against India is simply phenomenal. If the left-hander gets going, India will be up against it. Marco Jansen is a match-winner with both the bat and ball. But the bowler who has come on superbly is Lungi Ngidi with his variations of pace and use of slower deliveries.

India have had a different batter put his hand up in the matches so far and that's a good sign. The bowling, though, is still in the hands of the one and only Jasprit Bumrah and Varun Chakaravarthy with Hardik Pandya chipping in as usual with a wicket or two.



Slight edge

South Africa will probably have a slight advantage in the fielding department. But if India get their boundary fielders right, then they will save useful runs and also take those difficult catches. Every team would want to start the Super Eight on a winning note and the side that saves those crucial runs will be the one smiling in the end.

(Professional Management Group)

Super Eight stage off to a wet start

T20 WORLD CUP

Abhishek Saini
COLOMBO

The opening match of the T20 World Cup 2026 Super Eight between New Zealand and Pakistan at the R. Premadasa Stadium here on Saturday was abandoned due to rain without a single ball being bowled.

After staying away through the day, rain played spoilsport just moments after Salman Agha won the toss and opted to bat. Both teams took a point from this game.

Pakistan will take on England next in Pallekele while New Zealand welcomes Sri Lanka back to Colombo. Despite no action on the field, both teams' selections were key takeaways on their outlook towards Group 2.

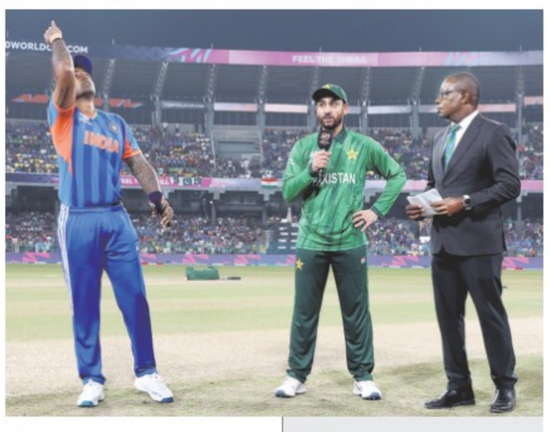
For a second straight game, Pakistan opted for Salman Mirza over Shaheen Afridi, who has struggled to find his groove at this World Cup and conceded at an economy rate of more than 11. But the bigger surprise was reserved in the selection of Fakhar Zaman.

Out of 108 innings in T20Is, Zaman has batted inside the top four in 99. Pakistan persisting with him going forward could lead to a shuffle in its batting order, possibly pushing Salman or Babar Azam further down.

In the opposite camp, New Zealand paid heed to the demands of the conditions and slotted in Ish Sodhi, whose only outing thus far had been two for 27 against the USA in a warm-up match. On a wicket that would have been slower than at its venues until now, New Zealand went with the outright pace of Lockie Ferguson to partner Matt Henry, instead of Jacob Duffy and Kyle Jamieson.

Flip of the coin

The 39 group phase games of the ICC T20 World Cup showed that not all depended on the toss



- While chasing was the preferred option (71.79 to 28.21) after winning the toss, teams that defended targets ended up having a better win percentage (55.26 to 44.74)
- Four out of five matches in New Delhi were won by teams chasing. In Kolkata and Colombo (RPS), all but one game was won by sides defending
- No team apart from New Zealand managed to chase successfully in Chennai
- At two venues (Mumbai and Chennai) which hosted six matches each, teams batting first won thrice and sides pursuing a target emerged triumphant three times

0 New Zealand had no luck with tosses as it ended up losing all four of them

3 The Kiwis had a perfect group stage record at the MAC Stadium in Chennai, chasing successfully on all three occasions

4 India won all four of its group matches by successfully defending totals

4 England's Harry Brook and Dilpreet Bajwa of Canada had the distinction of winning all four tosses

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Sky is the limit for Zimbabwe: Mbangwa

S. Shrivathsan
CHENNAI

The staunch supporters of Zimbabwe cricket are in seventh heaven. Mpumelelo Mbangwa is no exception.

Mbangwa, a former Zimbabwe international and renowned commentator, cannot stop marvelling at the Sikandar Raza-led side's giant-killing run in the T20 World Cup. The optimist in him is hoping for more, in a tournament where Zimbabwe has already exceeded expectations by storming into the Super Eight stage.

"Zimbabwe can certainly give other teams a run for their money, and I hope that it does. Whether it will or not, nobody knows. But its progress was unexpected, so the sky is the limit. I would love a great fairytale," said Mbangwa in an email interaction with *The Hindu*.

The 49-year-old has every reason to dream big. Zimbabwe humbled former champions Australia and Sri Lanka to win Group B when only a few gave it a chance. "I did not expect it to top the group as beating one of Australia or Sri Lanka was the more envisaged way of getting through," said Mbangwa.

The former fast bowler opined that Zimbabwe's eye-catching streak could not have come at a better time. "The hope is that it will also attract youngsters along with the rest of the society to the game. The timing of this is important as Zimbabwe will co-host the 50-over World Cup next year," he said.

Mbangwa was effusive in his praise of Raza for building a great culture within the dressing room.

"Raza has gone to great pains to stress that togetherness and the step-by-step approach of all members are the reasons for success. They all need to keep going the same way," Mbangwa said. Write off Zimbabwe at your own peril.

Pushing boundaries: Zimbabwe has punched above its weight. AP

Left-right combo: Smriti and Jemimah's 121-run stand followed by Shreyanka and Shree Charani's wicket-taking efforts snuffed out Australia's fight. X@BCCIWOMEN, GETTY IMAGES

India rises to the occasion, clinches a famous series win against Australia

An all-round show ensures the visitors' 17-run victory in the final encounter; Gardner plays a lone hand with a fighting half-century for the hosts

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

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An entertaining century partnership between Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues laid the foundation for India's 17-run win over Australia in the third and final Women's T20I here on Saturday, sealing its second bilateral T20I series triumph against the hosts in a decade.

Smriti smashed 82 off 55 balls (8x4, 3x6), while Jemimah struck 59 off 46 as they stitched a commanding 121-run stand to propel India to 176 for six after electing to bat.

India's bowlers then seized control as Shreyanka Patil (three for 22) and pace spearhead Renuka Singh (one for 29) ripped through the top order to leave Australia reeling at 32 for three.

India eventually restricted the hosts to 159 for nine to seal the series 2-1.

Left-arm spinner Shree Charani underlined her credentials, claiming three crucial wickets.

India endured a slightly tricky start as Shafali Verma departed early.

Smriti and Jemimah then took charge. The duo cut loose in the sixth over bowled by left-arm spinner Sophie Molineux, collecting three boundaries in a 14-run burst.

At the end of the Powerplay, India was 54 for one.

Smriti took on leg-spinner Georgia Wareham in the ninth over executing a powerful sweep that bisected deep square leg and deep midwicket to perfection.

She brought up her half-century off 38 balls with a six off pacer Darcie Brown. It was her 33rd fifty in international cricket, achieved in her 160th appearance. However, Smriti fell in the 17th over, dismissed by Sutherland as she holed out to deep midwicket Ashleigh Gardner.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur promoted Richa Ghosh to No. 4, and the move paid dividends, as the 'keeper-batter hit 18 off just seven balls.

Early strikes

India then had Australia under immediate pressure as openers Georgia Voll (10) and Beth Mooney (6) were dismissed early.

Off-spinner Shreyanka struck in the second over to remove Voll, while Renuka accounted for Mooney in the third.

Australia was in all sorts of trouble when Ellyse Perry was clean bowled for one by Shreyanka.

Gardner (57 off 45 balls) mounted a spirited fightback, but her resistance was finally broken when Arundhati Reddy struck in the 16th over.

The scores:
India 176/6 in 20 overs (Smriti 82, Jemimah 59, Sutherland 2/34) bt Australia 159/9 in 20 overs (Litchfield 26, Gardner 57, Shreyanka 3/22, Arundhati 2/35, Shree Charani 3/32).
Toss: India. **PoM:** Smriti.
India won by 17 runs and clinched the series 2-1.

Smriti lauds Jemimah's positive approach

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India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana said the positive approach of Jemimah Rodrigues in the third and final T20I against Australia helped her find the perfect rhythm after a tepid beginning to her innings.

Smriti struck 82 and, alongside Jemimah (59), forged a 121-run partnership. "When Jemimah came in, I think I was on 15 runs off 16 balls and still finding my timing. After she came in, she got the momentum going with three or four boundaries and I could take some time," Smriti said.

"Those small things don't really get noticed, but I feel it calmed me down. So, credit to her for coming in and playing that sort of a knock," said Smriti about Jemimah's match-winning effort.

Timely push: Jemimah shone for India in the decider. GETTY IMAGES

According to Smriti, defeating a formidable side like Australia at its home was a remarkable achievement. "It was good to contribute to the series win. Beating Australia in Australia is something really special. We've played T20 cricket after a very long time in Australia, so beating it is really nice. We will not celebrate too much and move on to the ODI series," Smriti added.

Kane brace fires Bayern nine points clear at the top

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

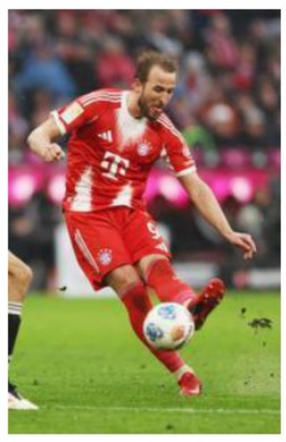
Harry Kane scored his third straight Bundesliga brace as Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-2 on Saturday to move nine points clear of Borussia Dortmund atop the table.

Kane has now scored more than one goal in a match 13 times this season in all competitions.

The England captain has netted 28 goals in 23 Bundesliga appearances and 43 in total this campaign.

Milner's record

James Milner set a new record of 654 Premier League appearances when the 40-year-old started for Brighton in its 2-0 win away to Brentford.



Harry Kane. REUTERS

Milner moves ahead of former Aston Villa and Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry.

Juventus blew its chance of climbing into the Champions League places in Serie A as it slumped to a damaging 2-0 defeat at home to Como on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: Aston Villa 1 (Abraham 88) drew with Leeds 1 (Stach 31); Brentford 0 lost to Brighton 2 (Gomez 30, Wellbeck 45+1); Chelsea 1 (Joao Pedro 4) drew with Burnley 1 (Flemming 90+3).
LaLiga: Real Sociedad 3 (Oskarsson 64, 90, Caleta-Car 87) drew with Real Oviedo 3 (Vinas 50, 52, Bailly 90+3).
Serie A: Juventus 0 lost to Como 2 (Vojvoda 11, Caqueret 61).
Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 3 (Pavlovic 16, Kane 20, 68) bt Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Burkardt 77-pen, Kalimuendo 86); Wolfsburg 2 (Gerhardt 41, Shiogai 70) lost to Augsburg 3 (Ribeiro 59, Gregoritsch 87-pen, Rexhbecaj 90+3); Union Berlin 1 (Khedira 28) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0; Cologne 2 (Ache 15, El Mala 63) drew with Hoffenheim 2 (Kabak 45, Kramaric 60).
On Friday: LaLiga: Athletic Bilbao 2 (Guruzeta 64, 89-pen) bt Elche 1 (Silva 69-pen).
Bundesliga: Mainz 1 (Amiri 42) drew with Hamburg 1 (Vieira 64).

EBFC proves too good for SC Delhi; JFC downs PFC

ISL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

East Bengal FC cruised to its second successive win in ISL-12 with a dominant 4-1 showing against Sporting Club Delhi at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

A young Delhi side started brightly and stunned the home crowd as early as the fourth minute. SC Delhi winger Augustine Lalrochana surged down the left flank, beat East Bengal defenders Jay Gupta and Anwar Ali, and slotted a grounded shot past goalkeeper Prabhsukhan Singh Gill.

Good start: East Bengal players celebrate their second straight win in the ISL. DEBASISH BHADURI

However, East Bengal responded swiftly and restored parity in the seventh minute through Edmund Lalrindika. A Bipin Singh free-kick was only partially cleared by the Delhi defence, and the ball reached Lalrindika outside the box. The crafty winger unleashed a powerful first-time volley that beat the Delhi custodian Vishal Yadav all ends up.

The host went ahead in the 12th minute after Lalrindika was brought down inside the penalty area by defender Clarence Savio Fernandes. Youssef Ezzejjari calmly converted from the spot to make it 2-1.

The home team extended the advantage in the 40th minute when Ezzejjari finished off a fine assist from Miguel Ferreira, effectively putting the game beyond Delhi's reach (3-1). Ferreira then capped off a commanding performance with a well-taken solo effort in added time, thereby sealing a comprehensive 4-1 victory for the Kolkata giant.

Later, Vincy Barretto's 78th-minute goal helped Jamshedpur FC get the better of Punjab FC 1-0 at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur.

The results: East Bengal FC 4 (Edmund Lalrindika 7, Youssef Ezzejjari 12-pen, 40, Miguel Ferreira 90+5) bt Sporting Club Delhi 1 (Augustine Lalrochana 4).
At Jamshedpur: Jamshedpur FC 1 (Vincy Barretto 78) bt Punjab FC 0.

Rahul plays an influential role in Karnataka's progress to the final

The senior pro has been priceless both with his batting and the experience he brings to the side; the 33-year-old was one of the five Test cricketers in the State's recent playing XI; it will be a full-circle moment if he can inspire the team to a ninth title

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The last time K.L. Rahul played three or more Ranji Trophy matches in a single campaign was way back in 2014-15. It was the second of Karnataka's double-treble seasons – winning the Ranji, Vijay Hazare Trophy and the Irani Trophy twice over – and the last of the Southern powerhouse's eight red-ball titles.

In 2025-26, Rahul, 33, has turned out for his State thrice in succession and the grand finale against Jammu & Kashmir in Hubballi from Tuesday is set to be his fourth.

Sharing knowledge: Young batter Smaran, right, says Rahul has a lot of inputs to give, be it for a bowler, a batter or a 'keeper. R.V. MOORTHY

> KL puts his State on top whenever he's playing for Karnataka
> **SMARAN**

Divine coincidence

A superstitious Karnataka fan will see this as a divine coincidence, but what is undisputed is the value Rahul brings, both in letter (457 runs from six innings including two centuries) and spirit. "KL has made a huge impact," said coach Yere Goud. "We have young players like R. Smaran and K.V. Aneesh, and he can tell as a batsman what they need to do and how to tackle certain situations. So him being there has given confidence."

Rahul was one of five Test cricketers in the recent Karnataka playing XI, along with Mayank Agarwal, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padikkal and Prasidh Krishna. And Smaran, who has scored a chart-topping 950 runs – including two double-centuries and as many centuries – in only his second Ranji campaign, has benefitted immensely.

"Karun has been with us since the start of the season, and he bats at No. 4 and I bat at No. 5," Smaran explained. "A lot of batting happens together and there is a lot of input from him as to how to take the innings [forward] and how to convert starts into big scores. And KL puts his State on top whenever he's playing for Karnataka. He has a lot of inputs to give, be it for a bowler, a batter or a 'keeper. It boosts the morale of the entire team when such a senior player is helping," the 22-year-old added.

For 23-year-old Kruthik Krishna, who has impressed both as a wicket-keeper and batter in his three First Class outings so far, Rahul is an idol.

"He has done everything possible when it comes to batting, whether it is opening or at No. 6, No. 7, and he is also a 'keeper," said Kruthik.

"So, having him is a boost. I can learn how to plan and shape my innings, and that's irrespective of the performance. That simplifies your game a lot, rather than you thinking about the pitch, the opposition and all of that."

If Rahul's final act as an agent of influence culminates in Karnataka's ninth triumph, it will be a full-circle moment.

India's slump continues with loss to Spain

PRO LEAGUE

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HOBART

India's hopes of a revival in the FIH Men's Pro League were dashed as it lost 2-0 to Spain here on Saturday.

Goals from Ignacio Abajo (6th minute) and Ignacio Cobos (36th) proved decisive as Spain combined clinical finishing with disciplined defending to secure the win.

India began with sharp, quick passing, looking to control possession early, but Spain's counter-attacking approach proved effective.

Abajo capitalised on one such move, neatly deflecting the ball into the net for an early lead.

Unfazed, India stayed committed to its structure, circulating the ball swiftly through midfield and probing Spain's defence with intent.

The Indian team created multiple promising openings and nearly found the equaliser towards the end of the quarter when Abhishek fired a powerful strike, only to be denied by an excellent save by goalkeeper Luis Calzado.

The second quarter produced end-to-end action, with both teams creating chances but failing to convert. Spain earned its second penalty corner in the 24th minute. However, Indian goalkeeper Suraj Karkera stood tall and prevented Spain from extending its lead.

Despite both teams pushing for a goal, neither could find the net, and Spain carried a slender advantage into half-time.

Soon after the restart, Karkera produced a brilliant save as Spain came out aggressively.

Its pressure eventually paid off when Cobos struck from close range after finding himself unmarked inside the circle to double Spain's lead.

With four minutes remaining, India withdrew its goalkeeper to add an extra outfield player in search of a breakthrough, increasing the pressure on Spain's defence.

However, despite its late push, India could not find the back of the net.

India will next take on hosts Australia on Sunday.

Unfruitful: Despite creating chances, India could not breach Spain's defence. FACEBOOK/FIHOCKEY

The result:
Spain 2 (Ignacio Abajo 6, Ignacio Cobos 36) bt India 0.

Dhruv scores century, but others falter

Sports Bureau

Dhruv Prabhakar top-scored with 107 (215b, 15x4) but found little support as Karnataka folded for 240 first-innings runs on day one of its C.K. Nayudu (U-23) Trophy quarterfinal against Mumbai at the Sachin Tendulkar Gymkhana in Mumbai on Saturday.

After the away side elected to bat, it fell to 53 for four. If not for captain Aneeshwar Gautam's 20 and Harshil Dharmani's 27, and their partnerships with Dhruv, Karnataka would have struggled.

The scores: Karnataka 240 in 78.5 overs (Dhruv Prabhakar 107) vs. Mumbai 12 for no loss in seven overs.

Big win for Shlok HC

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Shlok Hockey Club thrashed Gameon Pro Sports HC 14-5 in the CCCA Chairos Bheemaiah Hockey 5S tournament in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Other results: Shlok HC bt SAI STC-A 4-1; DYES-A bt Army Boys Sports Company Green 6-4; DYES-B bt Army Boys Sports Company Red 7-4; SAI STC-B drew with Morning Boys 3-3; DYES-A bt Paleya Taluk 4-1; Southern Command bt Coorg Hawks 5-2; Coorg Hawks-B bt Kodava Marshals 6-3; Paleya Taluk bt Hockey Gadag 6-3: Shlok bt Kodava Marshals 7-3; Southern Command bt SAI STC-B 3-1; Coorg Hawks-A bt Rink Rebels 11-1; SAI STC-B bt Rink Rebels 6-1; Kodava Marshals bt Gameon Pro Sports HC 7-4.

LIVE TELECAST

Women's Rising Stars Asia Cup: (final), Bangladesh-A vs India-A: Sony Sports Ten 1, 3 & LIV, 12.30 p.m.

Men's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m. & **India vs South Africa**, 7 p.m.

ISL: Sony Sports Ten 2 & FanCode, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

Vaishnavi dumps second seed, enters final

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Vaishnavi Adkar shut out second seed and World No. 126 Lanlana Tararudee of Thailand 6-3, 6-3 to reach the final of the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open W100 Bengaluru 2026 at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium here on Saturday.

Vaishnavi became the first Indian woman to reach the final of a W100 event (or higher category) since Sania Mirza competed in the summit clash of the WTA International in 2009.

On the rise: Vaishnavi is the first Indian woman to reach a W100 event (or higher) final since Sania in 2009.

Vaishnavi's golden run in this tournament now includes victories over two top-150 and one top-250 player. The 21-year-old World No. 690 will face third seed Hanne Vandewinkel of Belgium in the final on Sunday.

Matsuda-Shimizu win

In the doubles final, the Japanese pair of Misaki Matsuda and Eri Shimizu defeated India's Ankita Raina and Indonesia's Priska Madelyn Nugroho 6-4, 3-6, [10-5] to claim 100 WTA ranking points and a winners cheque of $5,573.

The results:

Semifinals: Vaishnavi Adkar bt Lanlana Tararudee (Tha) 6-3, 6-3.

Hanne Vandewinkel (Bel) bt Polina Iatcenko 6-4, 7-6(5)

Doubles: Final: Misaki Matsuda & Eri Shimizu (Jpn) bt Priska Madelyn Nugroho (Ina) & Ankita Raina 6-4, 3-6, 10-5.

BFC hopes to keep momentum going against NEUFC at home

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Bengaluru FC will look to continue its winning ways when it takes on NorthEast United FC in an ISL clash at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday.

BFC got off the blocks in style, having recorded an impressive 2-0 win over Sporting Delhi in its opener. The occasion was marked by an injury-time goal from stalwart Sunil Chhetri, who continues to sparkle at the age of 41.

NEUFC, meanwhile, had a forgetful start, going down 0-3 to East Bengal. The visitor could manage only two shots on target, and the backline was consistently troubled.

However, BFC head coach Renedy Singh warned against taking the visitor lightly.

The last time the two sides met here, NEUFC managed to hold BFC to a 2-2 draw in what was an action-filled encounter.

"They will come at us with full force. We need to be ready to fight," Renedy said.

Banthia and Donski win Delhi Open doubles crown

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India's Siddhant Banthia and Bulgaria's Alexander Donski claimed the men's doubles title in the Delhi Open at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association Complex here on Saturday.

The pair saved a match point against Niki Poonacha of India and Pruchya Isaro of Thailand to win 4-6, 6-4, [12-10].

In the men's singles event, fifth seed Oliver Crawford of Great Britain and unseeded Stefanos Sakellaridis of Greece advanced to set up a title clash on Sunday.

Tense affair

The doubles final proved to be a tense affair as the winner was decided after a tiebreak.

The victory marked Banthia's second career ATP Challenger doubles title while it was the Bulgarian's third doubles crown.

The doubles semifinals took place earlier in the day where Banthia and Donski defeated the British-Belgian pair of Jay Clarke and Michael Geerts 7-6(6), 7-6(3).

In the singles competition, Crawford progressed to the final after defeating second seed Rei Sakamoto 6-4, 6-3 in one hour and 38 minutes.

"It was a very high-level match. I thought I played very well from start to finish," Crawford commented after his win.

In the other semifinal, Sakellaridis registered a 6-1, 7-6 win over Great Britain's Felix Gill.

Tie-break

The Greek dominated the opening set before a closely-contested second set, which featured no break points and was decided after a tie-break.

The results: Semifinals: Oliver Crawford (GBr) bt Rei Sakamoto (Jpn) 6-4, 6-3; Stefanos Sakellaridis (Grc) bt Felix Gill (GBr) 6-1, 7-6(5).

Doubles: Final: Siddhant Banthia & Alexander Donski (Bul) bt Pruchya Isaro (Tha) & Niki Poonacha 4-6, 6-4, [12-10].

Semifinals: Banthia & Donski bt Jay Clarke (GBr) & Michael Geerts (Bel) 7-6(6), 7-6(3); Isaro & Poonacha bt Jisung Nam (Kor) & Patrik Niklas-Salminen (Fin) 7-6(3), 6-4.

Ram Baboo, Manju clinch the titles

Champions: Baboo and Manju, the full marathon walk winners.

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Ram Baboo and Manju clinched gold in the men's and women's sections respectively of the inaugural full marathon walk (42km) at the 13th Indian Open Race Walk Competition at the Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh, on Saturday.

Uttar Pradesh's 26-year-old Baboo clocked 3:09:17.00 to edge past Haryana's Sandeep Kumar (3:11:18.00) in his season opener and hoped to finish on the podium at the Asian Games later this year.

Local favourite Manju, meanwhile, upset experienced senior and Olympian Priyanka Goswami to finish on top. Manju kept pace with the leading group till the 32-km mark before increasing her pace and breaking away to clock 3:33:24.00 for the top spot.

In the 10km race walk, Army's Nitin Gupta took top spot in 41:44.00 while Reshma Patel of Uttar Pradesh took the women's gold in 46:19.00.

The results: Men: Full-marathon (42km) walk: 1. Ram Baboo (UP, 3:09:17.00), 2. Sandeep Kumar (Har, 3:11:18.00), 3. Resham Midhun (Tel, 3:12:11.00). **10km race walk:** 1. Nitin Gupta (UP, 41:44.00), 2. Rishikesh P. (TN, 43:11.00), 3. Bilin George Anto (Ker, 43:53.00). **Women: Full marathon (42km) walk:** Manju (Pun, 3:33:24.00),2. Priyanka Goswami (UP, 3:37:25.00), 3. Payal (Utk, 3:39:57.00). **10km race walk:** 1. Reshma Patel (UP, 46:19.00), 2. Mary Margaret (Del, 47:18.00), 3. Akshaya K. (Ker, 51:49.00).

India claims four medals at Asian Cross Country

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NEW DELHI

India's Harmanjot Singh (29m21s) won the men's 10km silver as India also bagged three bronze at the Asian Cross Country Championships in Fukuoka on Saturday.

In u-20 team championships (6km), India finished third in the women's and men's with 22 and 25 points. India also clinched the women's team (10km) bronze..

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